

**GREEN BAY NEIGHBORHOOD  
LEADERSHIP COUNCIL**

**MINUTES**  
**Thursday, April 4, 2013 5:30 p.m.**  
**Wally's Spot**  
**1979 Main Street**

**NEIGHBORHOOD ASSOCIATION MEMBERS:**

<u>X</u> Molly Martzke (Astor)	<u>X</u> Becky Lemmens (John Muir Park)	<u>IA</u> (Olde North)
<u>X</u> Bobbie Lison (Astor East River)	<u>X</u> Andrew Opicka (Lake Largo)	<u>X</u> Jim Haskins (Olde Norwood)
<u>X</u> Skip Wilson (Baird Creek)	<u>X</u> Gary Coleman (Lombardi)	<u>X</u> Rae Ellen Smith (Perkins Park Area)
<u>X</u> David Blackman (Bay Highlands)	<u>X</u> (MacArthur Heights)	<u>ABS</u> Jen DuMez (Red Smith)
<u>X</u> Tony Peters (Colburn)	<u>X</u> Joe Vanidestine (Maple Arches)	<u>X</u> Patrick Kloster (Schmitt Park)
<u>X</u> Ben Heiman (Downtown)	<u>X</u> Jim Ridderbush (Marquette Park)	<u>X</u> Miriah Kelley (Seymour Park)
<u>X</u> Trudy Jacobson (East Shore Drive)	<u>X</u> Bob Heroux (Mather Heights)	<u>X</u> Debbie Tilot (Starlite)
<u>X</u> Caroline Stoviak (Fireman's Park)	<u>X</u> Scott DeBaker (McAuliffe Park)	<u>IA</u> (Tank)
<u>ABS</u> Joy Glass (Fisk Addition)	<u>X</u> Ann Hartman (Navarino)	<u>X</u> Steve Boehlen (Three Corners)
<u>X</u> Lawrence Ferry (Fort Howard)	<u>X</u> Dick Pigeon (Nicolet Drive)	<u>X</u> Diane Matthews (Unified S. Broadway)
<u>IA</u> (Imperial Pride)	<u>ABS</u> Greg Maloney (NW Railway Garden)	<u>X</u> Scott Vanidestine (Wilder Park)
<u>ABS</u> Mike Erickson (Joannes Park)	<u>X</u> Dan Theno (Oak Grove)	<u>EXC</u> Adam Moore (Woodside Heights)

**APPOINTED MEMBERS:**

X Mayor Jim Schmitt

X Noel Halvorsen, Executive Director of NeighborWorks, Chair

X Rob Strong, Director of Planning and Development, Vice Chair

EXC Cheryl Renier-Wigg, Neighborhood Development Supervisor

X Andy Rosendahl, Neighborhood Development Specialist, Treasurer

X Sadie DiNatale, Neighborhood Support Specialist, Secretary

X Paula Breese, Executive Director of FCR NEW

X Melanie Cypinski Skalmoski, Neighborhood Watch

**ROLL CALL:**

**1. Consent Agenda**

Minutes of March 7<sup>th</sup> and financial report were approved with a motion made by Ben Heiman of Downtown Association and seconded by Scott Vanidestine of Wilder Park Association. Motion carried.

**2. Mayor's Report**

Mayor Jim Schmitt updated the council with information about the City's recent purchase of the Clarion hotel located downtown near the KI Convention Center. The Clarion was purchased with the intention of selling it (within next 6 months) to someone willing to partner with the City to ensure KI Center expansion with a built connection from the Clarion to the KI. Mayor Schmitt wants to make certain that this future partner will work with the City on the air rights necessary to complete the expansion, will invest \$3.5-4 million into the hotel, as well as offer the City a reasonable rate for the expansion.

Mayor Schmitt further spoke about the City's Employee of the Year, Roy Campbell, who received an award at Green Bay's State of the City. Roy Campbell is an electrician who over the years has been able to successfully initiate cost saving practices.

After the Mayor's Report a question regarding recent electrical bridge issues was asked by Dan Theno of Oak Grove Association. Mayor Schmitt replied that the bridge gears were changed and that any bridge related issues have been solved. Alderman Jerry Wiezbiskie further stated that the cause of these issues were due to a computer glitch and were not mechanical related.

**3. Beautification Proposal**

Noel Halvorsen, on behalf of the GBNLC Beautification Subcommittee, proposed a location that the committee has identified as a potential place to install an art element or landmark. The location proposed

was the triangle in front of Whitney Park. The location was approved by a motion made by Steve Boehlen of Three Corners Association and seconded by Scott Vanidestine of Wilder Park Association; motion carried. An art piece for this plot of land is currently undecided. If you have an idea for this area, please send your proposal to Sadie DiNatale at [SadieDi@greenbaywi.gov](mailto:SadieDi@greenbaywi.gov) for the committee to review.

#### 4. **Nuisance Inspection**

Scott Nelson, an inspector for the City of Green Bay, spoke about the process of nuisance inspection. First, the inspection division receives a complaint via email, call, or while on the field. Some examples of Nuisance complaints include: illegal parking, illegal signs, interior bugs (cockroaches/bed bugs), inadequate plumbing, rotting material, excessive junk in yard, unmaintained buildings, etc. Inspectors then follow up with the complaint/visit the site and determine what type of violation it is. Nuisances are divided into two groups: nuisances related to health issues and those effecting peace and safety. Once a violation type is determined, a notice is sent out through the mail to the property owner. If the property owner complies after the first notice, the inspector will work with the individual to fix the issue. If the property owner does not fix the issue, the inspector will return for a follow up inspection to issue a final notice with a \$50.00 re-inspection fee. If the issue is still not fixed, a citation is issued to have the issue solved through municipal court.

#### 5. **Residential Housing Investigator**

Bob Zaspell, newly hired as the Residential Housing Investigator, spoke about his position and its effect on the City. Basically, this new action supplies 2 additional laws to protect residential tenants against unfair rental practices by landlords. This action provides the City with very broad regulatory authority using these laws to bring actions against landlords in municipal courts as well as provides additional leverage to maintain voluntary compliance from landlords. Thus, Zaspell will be able to work with landlords and residents together, to more efficiently and effectively solve rental housing problems. Zaspell will be working with a program utilizing the help of the inspection division as well as community police to identify potential cases. It is understood that some landlords will not comply; thus utilizing the municipal court for these cases will be critical. The main goal however, as stated above, will be to achieve voluntary compliance from landlords. Zaspell also commented that some issues brought up will not be tolerated including lead paint, raw sewage, and carbon monoxide.

#### 6. **City Staff Update**

Andy Rosendahl (Neighborhood Division): updated the council that 2 new CSI's have recently been hired. Also, a team of 10 members have been put together to attend the NUSA conference in May where the GBNLC has been selected as a finalist for a National Neighborhood Program Award. Lastly, Andy updated the council that Mini-Grant applications have been turned in with approximately \$50,000 requested.

Dave Schmitts (Crime Prevention): updated the council that last month's questions for crime prevention have been answered and archived and the new "Wheel of Warrant" program is proving to be very effective.

#### 7. **Open Forum**

Noel Halvorsen: updated the council with information that money smart week will be April 22-27 and that an affordable house tour (houses under \$160,000.00) will be April 12 from noon to 2pm.

Ald. Jerry Wiezbiskie: updated the council on behalf of the Parks Dept that the last wolf at the wildlife sanctuary has passed and the sanctuary will be looking into getting a new pack. Further, the dragon ride will be up and running this year at Bay Beach. Lastly, if you have not purchased a brick with your name on it for Bay Beach you are still able.

Navarino Association: Ann Hartman updated the council that their new park expansion is coming along and to come out and see it. So far they have torn down 26 delinquent properties and moved the playground equipment.

Seymour Park Association: Miriah Kelley updated the council that they will begin planting their community garden this year on May 19<sup>th</sup> from 9:30 am to 1pm.

Lombardi Association: Gary Coleman updated the council that their 9<sup>th</sup> annual rummage sale will be May 3<sup>rd</sup> and 4<sup>th</sup> at 8am.

East Shore Drive Association: Trudy Jacobson updated the council that they will be holding their first public get together to adopt a ditch on April 27. The event will include walking the area and picking up litter in celebration of earth week. There will also be educational speakers on phragmites and about water clean up at the wildlife sanctuary.

Perkins Park Area Association: Rae Ellen Smith updated the council that they will be having a bike trail clean up on April 13<sup>th</sup> at 8am. Also, the Military Avenue Business Association will be having a cleanup event from Bond to 9<sup>th</sup> Street. They are looking for volunteers to meet at Toppers Pizza at 10am on April 20<sup>th</sup>. After cleaning, there will be free pizza.

Nicolet Drive Association: Dick Pigeon updated the council that they will be having their spring social at UWGB's student union on May 16. Guest speaker will be Captain Galvin to speak on combating crime. There will be a cash bar at 5:30 to be followed by a dinner (\$12). Everyone is invited; to RSVP please contact Nicolet Drive.

Starlite Association: Debra Tilot asked about getting the names of new residents within designated Neighborhood Associations. Nothing as of yet has been done to get find out these new residents but ideas with collaborating with the water utility company will be initiated

MacArthur Heights Association: Julie O'Connell updated the council that April 17<sup>th</sup> will be their Association meeting to elect a new president or inevitably fold.

FCR NEW: Paula Breese updated the council FCR NEW has kicked off their campaign for combating child abuse. Also, June 29<sup>th</sup> they will be holding a free Kite festival at Arnie Wolfe Park.

Sadie DiNatale: updated the council that there will be an event April 13 to re-envision East Mason Street for future redevelopment between the Fox and East River. This event will be 9am to noon at St Thomas More School. The event will be utilizing the grant NeighborWorks received after attending a Community Leadership Institute conference. To attend this event, please RSVP with Sadie at [SadieDi@greenbaywi.gov](mailto:SadieDi@greenbaywi.gov).

## 8. **Adjournment**

Meeting adjourned at 7:00pm with a motion made by Jim Haskins of Olde Norwood Association and seconded by Patrick Kloster of Schmitt Park Association.