

# UNIVERSITY NEIGHBORHOOD ASSOCIATION (UNA)

## Minutes of the August 11, 2005 Meeting At the Urban Ecology Center

**Present:** Paul Westrick, Columbia/St. Mary's Hospital, Eric & Sarah Waldron, Water Tower Landmark Trust (WTLT), Jack Stebbins, Mariners NA, Rusty Smith, Cambridge Woods NA (CWNA), Allison Rozek, Department of City Development (DCD), Sam Rowen, Alderman D'Amato's office, Dave Remstad, WTLT, Mike Panlener, Mariner NA, Peter McMullen, Chair of the meeting, CWNA/Eastside Transportation Management Association (ETMA), Mike Maher, Trustee Shorewood, Tom Luljak, UWM Administration, Kristin Krueger, DCD, Janet Grau, DCD, Shirley Conlon, Murray Hill NA (MHNA), Marty Collins, Department of Neighborhood Services, Chris Brown, UWM Student Association, Kay Baldwin, MHNA, Else Ankel, CWNA

**Regrets:** Community Liaison Police Officer Bruce Scott, 5<sup>th</sup> District

### I. Introductions and Adjustments

The new representative of the UWM Student Association, Chris Brown, was welcomed.

### II. Housekeeping

#### 1. Meeting Minutes.

Missing Minutes from UNA meetings, December 04 (Mariner), April 05 (UWM Student NA) and June 05 (UWM administration) will be presented and adopted at October 05 meeting. WTLT will prepare and distribute the October 05 agenda, chair the meeting and take and distribute minutes

#### 2. Membership Representation/Distribution

Peter McMullen will prepare and distribute a draft roster of UNA representatives for input and discussion at the October 05 meeting

#### 3. Agenda Make-up

Chairman Peter McMullen explained changes of the format of the agenda.

### III. Progress Report on Action Items

#### Quality of Life

##### 1. Student misconduct off-campus (Ch. 17):

Tom Luljak reported that the UWM administration has prepared a document which supports the same treatment of students for misconduct committed off campus as on campus. The Student Association's (SA) reaction to this document was delayed until July 05 because of a contested election. A recent advisory vote of the SA opposes the document. Despite the advisory vote by the students, UWM Chancellor Carlos Santiago advised the UWM attorney to forward the document to the UW System. At present the boundaries for enforcement do not include the Village of Shorewood. Tom Luljak responded to a request from Marty Collins, representative of the Department of Neighborhood Services, for a time-line for the implementation of this document and ways how UNA representatives can voice their support for it. Tom will notify Marty and the other UNA representatives as soon he and the UWM attorney have received any information about this issue. **Marty will write a letter based on the UNA stake holders' support (w/o students)** for this document to UW System officials, UW Regents and politicians representing the area of the four

UNA NAs and UWM. Marty will also notify officials at other UW campuses who have expressed interest in Chapter 17 in the past.

## 2. Code Enforcement

Marty Collins reported that the code enforcement is ongoing. He distributed a map of the area, which showed the kind and location of each code violation on the Upper Eastside. It is a graphic proof for the need of continued aggressive enforcement of the codes. The 5<sup>th</sup> District Police Department, the Department of Neighborhood Services and the office of Alderman D'Amato share these data to establish trends and monitor results of interventions.

The Department of Neighborhood Services has hired a new half-time intern to help with this work. The former intern was hired by the Department as a full time employee.

In the past, an illegal rooming house was a rental property where the landlord allowed more than 3 unrelated people to live and pay rent. The enforcement of this code was very difficult. When more than 4 unrelated people were found living in the unit, the landlord removed one of them. The remaining 3 people had to pay a higher rent per person. At present the code is being rewritten to make it more proactive and enforceable. It will be illegal for the landlord to accept an offer to rent to more than 3 people.

## 3. Neighborhood Patrols

Community Liaison Police Officer of the 5<sup>th</sup> District, Bruce Scott, could not attend. Kay Baldwin mentioned two young police officers on bikes, Jamie and Jason, who are patrolling the area of the 4 UNA neighborhood associations. NAs are encouraged to contact them via Officer Scott if they know of areas in need of police surveillance. UWM will continue and expand the program where UWM pays for overtime hours of City Police Officers working in the UNA area. The time span of the program will also be expanded.

Officer Scott and Amy Watson, UWM Neighborhood Liaison, have developed an exciting new program. It hopes to prevent possible neighborhood quality of life problems by improving relationships between students and resident homeowners living in the UNA area. Positions of Student Neighborhood Liaison persons(SNLs) will be created and filled by students from the Departments of Social Welfare, Criminal Justice and Communication. Officer Scott has prepared a curriculum for these students who receive 3 UWM credits for the successful completion of the course. Officer Scott will closely work with the students. NA representatives advised UWM and Officer Scott to choose students living in the UNA area from a pool of qualified applicants. Students living in the neighborhood will learn about problems and challenges in the area even during their off-duty hours.

## 4. Litter Sticks.

According to Marty Collins, the Department of Neighborhood Services has Litter Sticks available for any individual or group from the neighborhood or the UWM Campus who wants to improve the neighborhoods around the campus by picking up litter.

## Housing

### 1. Off-campus housing developments

For years, general off-camping student housing development, a collaboration between developers and UWM, has been slow. Tom Luljak explained that discussions had been on hold because of the very time consuming development of the Kenilworth building. Discussions with the developers will be accelerated from now on; boundaries for potential off-campus housing will be farther away from the campus. Proximity to transit lines will be looked at. There is a 10-year time limit for state financed **capital construction/development** loans.

## 2. Walk to Work.

All UNA stake holders desire the implementation of the program “Walk to Work” in neighborhoods around UWM. The desired outcome of the program is to increase the number of UWM faculty and staff living in the area of the 4 UNA neighborhood associations. The program would increase the stability of the neighborhoods and decrease the demand for parking at the UWM campus and on the streets around the campus. Tom Luljak reported that so far, all efforts by the UWM administration to obtain \$20,000 to start this program have been unsuccessful.

## Parking & Transit

### ETMA Report:

ETMA President Peter McMullen reported on the Resident Parking Permit program. Alderman Mike D’Amato and the UWM Administration have agreed on the legislative version of the program. After adoption and before implementation, Bob Bryson, City Traffic Engineer and representative at the ETMA will provide a punch list to facilitate implementation.

A UWM student is working on a project which would ask people who park on streets to prepay for parking thereby creating revenue to support checkers. The project will be presented at the October 05 Annual Meeting of the ETMA.

## **IV. New Business**

### Department of City Development

#### 1. Northeast Side Plan

Allison Rozek, Senior Planner at the Department of City Developer, explained the scope of the new Milwaukee North Eastside Plan. The UNA area is part of the plan and might become a district in the North Eastside Plan. The plan is in its first stage

#### 2. Discussion of new Action Item Worksheet

Allison Rozek and her staff have prepared an Action Item Worksheet from the UWM Neighborhood Vision document. Allison asked and received input from Cambridge Woods NA and Murray Hill NA and is waiting for input from UWM, Mariner NA and WTLT.

#### 3. UNA Report for City Planning Commission

Allison Rozek suggested that the UNA presentation to the City Planning Commission planned for September 05 be postponed until after the completed and corrected Action Item Worksheet can be discussed at the next UNA meeting on October 13 at the Urban Ecology Center.

### **Future Meetings:**

October 13	Chair: WTLT
?	City Planning Commission
December 8	Chair: Mariners

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