

Minutes
Astor Neighborhood Association, Inc. – Monday, March 18 – 6 PM
First Evangelical Church, 743 S Monroe, Ave, Green Bay, WI
Annual Meeting

About 30 people present.

1. Welcome/Introduction of Board Members

2a. Minutes from the 2012 Annual meeting

2b. Treasurer's report, March 2012 – March 2013

M/S/C to accept 2012 Annual meeting minutes, and 2012-2013 Treasurer's report.

3. Election of Board Members:

Nomination Slate-Board of Directors:

Andy Rosendahl

Molly Martzke

Pastor Paul Schleis

Skip Heverly

Katie Houle

Sara Wall

Justin Challe

*Kevin Vonck (1120 S. Quincy)

*Nomination from the floor

M/S/C to elect the slate listed.

4. Guest Speakers:

• Mayor Schmitt

State of the City address this Wednesday, Meyer Theatre, 4:30 PM. Happy with Schreiber Foods locating in downtown. VA Clinic (University Ave.) is presently moving in \$17.5 million equipment. Green Bay is committed to neighborhoods and housing. Bay Beach is expanding, and the city is working to bring 5th-8th graders out, and then high schools, during weeks in May, for engineering and math and science. Working with GB transit to give kids with co-curriculars rides. There are now potential new owners of the Northland Hotel (136 room, high level).

Mayor Schmitt was asked about his position on the voucher program. He sees both sides of the issues, and has not taken sides.

• Alderman Tim DeWane

Tim lives on Jackson St.

Questions about signage on homes (corner of Cass and Monroe, for example), and LED signs (has to go through Planning Commission).

- County Supervisor Erik Hoyer
District 4 (including Astor), and lives on Eliza St. County budget has not increased. Would like input on the proposal to combine the Neville museum and the county library.
- Officer Paul Van Handel
Gave a Power Point presentation on progress in our neighborhoods. Various calls (disturbances, damage to property, noise, drugs) to the police have been going down in the past 10 years. Quality of life is perceived as good. Project Clean Sweep highlighted in a Power Point video. Officer Van Handel received a state award.
Questions were asked about the homeless issues in downtown, actual convictions with the Clean Sweep (four year period) program. Most arrests made north of Mason St.
- Nancy Nabak – Urban Birding
Green Bay has been a Bird City for about 2.5 years, and one of the first of 15 cities in the state to be a Bird City. All volunteer help. Audubon Society involvement. “Would rather have birds than drugs.” Trees planted outside of Wildlife Sanctuary (near Bay Beach) to help bird habitat. Butterfly and rain gardens also planted. Tree and Bird City collaboration. Have a clean water source to keep the birds around, Pictures (with sound effects, courtesy of Erik Hoyer) of orioles, northern flickers, cedar wax wings, black hat chickadees, hawks, indigo buntings, song sparrows, finches, woodpeckers, cardinals, robins, hummingbirds, warblers, rose breasted grosbeak, chimney swifts, owls.
Nancy spoke about various types of bird seed. Try also to put bird feeders away from where the squirrels can jump. Some types of tape can prevent birds from flying into windows.

Easter Egg hunt, March 30, St. James Park.

5. Adjourn, 7:40 PM. – Titledown Chili & Root Beer enjoyed by all.