

**Downtown Neighborhood Association of Eau Claire, Inc.**  
**Minutes of the Annual Meeting**  
**Monday October 7, 2024**  
**Menomonie Market Food Coop, Eau Claire**

**Call to order:** 6:00 PM by Deb Marshall, Chair

**Attendance:** Deb Marshall, Chair; Dianne Lueder, Vice Chair; Jim Mattson, Treasurer; Board Members: Sara Nick, Marcie Bakker, Jady Devine. Board members absent: Paige Bernhardt, Michele Ries, Scott Rogers.

Thirty-two (32) downtown residents attended. A quorum was present. Also present Billie Hufford, Neighborhood Services Manager, City of Eau Claire and Lieutenant Bridget Coit of the Eau Claire Police Department.

**Agenda:**

**1. Introductions**

Deb Marshall welcomed everyone to the first meeting of the official Downtown Neighborhood Association. Board members made brief introductions including biographical information and their interest in serving on the board.

The Bylaws, Mission and Purpose, Member involvement desired, and a brief introduction to the [www.dnaofec.org](http://www.dnaofec.org) website followed as presented by Deb Marshall.

**2. Public Comment**

One individual made a public comment. Her topic was encouraging composting citywide, including apartment dwellers.

**3. Comments from Elected Officials/City Staff**

Billie Hufford from the City of Eau Claire, answered questions from the group regarding code enforcement and solutions in process for the unhoused population.

Lt. Bridget Coit introduced herself as the new police liaison for the downtown area. She answered many questions about parking ramp noise issues including possible solutions under consideration by the city. She emphasized the limited size of the police force in Eau Claire and the difficulty in finding suitable additional staff.

**4. Committee Reports—none at this meeting.**

**5. Approval of Prior Meeting Minutes—none at this meeting.**

6. **Treasurer's Report**—Jim Mattson, Treasurer presented the report of start-up expenses and the 2025 Budget. The report was accepted.
7. **Old Business**—none at this meeting
8. **New Business** –2024 Livability Survey introduced including the purpose and the importance of completing it to guide Association activities for the year. Surveys were distributed in paper form and with a QR code to submit the survey online. The deadline for submissions was set at November 10<sup>th</sup>.
9. **Additional Items from the Board**  
Members were encouraged to attend the City of Eau Claire “District Discussion” meeting for the Central District that includes the Downtown Neighborhood Association. The meeting is on October 17<sup>th</sup> at 6:00 PM at the L.E. Phillips Senior Center.
10. **Adjournment**—the meeting was adjourned at 7:05 PM by Deb Marshall, Chair.

PENDING APPROVAL