

## MINUTES OF THE SUPERVISED RELEASE COMMITTEE

RE: Sexually Violent Persons

September 24, 2019

10 AM Room G034

**PRESENT:** Nancy Huberty, Chair, Eau Claire County DHS SW Manager; Tom Wirth, Deputy Director; Matt Rokus, Eau Claire Police Dept; Joel Brettingen, Eau Claire County Sheriff's Dept; Sherry Deyoe, Amanda McCarthy, Lona Sullivan, Dept of Corrections; Rod Eslinger, Planning & Development; Michael Chase, State DHS; Sharon McIllquham, Corporation Counsel; Jackie Krumenauer, Eau Claire County DHS Admin Specialist II, Committee Clerk; Maria Brown, Eau Claire County DHS Admin Specialist I

**PUBLIC:** Kris Laff, Steve & Kathy LaValley, Nichole Tompkins, Jodie Simet, Nicole Owen, Robert Simet, Kathleen Markus, Jessica & JonPaul Dragseth, Patty Duerkop, Sara O'Mara, Pat Heacop, Lori Liddell, Heather DeLuka, County Board Supervisor District 24, Lisa Tichey, Nancy Heil, Bruce Runple, Deb Fitzgerald, Penny Jevne, Trent Lawler, Mary Woodford, Kimberly Carpenter, Lindsay Hink, Julia Strand, Julie M. Peterson, Lori Lund, Holly Hehl, Erica Christensen, Jesse Wilson, Joanne Huse, carol & Steve O'Roleke, Sharon Derifield, Bryce Oleland, Rayma Duerheres, Cheryl Radloff, Lisa Hedrington, Mike Blazel, Jennifer & Bob Decker, Carol Anderson, Amber Gulsrud, Patti Iverson, Jean Watson, Neil Stanley, Beth Norquist, Dan Severson, Scott Thatcher, Eileen Walter, Traci Curtis, Becky Carpenter, Mishka Wiaa, Sandra Zais, Joan Reed, Kevin Kelly, Jason Langer, Laura Anderson, Heather Jones, Nancy Bauer, Matt Beattie

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Call to Order by Nancy Huberty, Chair at 10:03 a.m.

### **Confirmed Meeting Notice**

Nancy turned the meeting over to Rod Eslinger, Director, Eau Claire County Planning and Development Dept. Rod began by thanking everyone for coming today. After Planning and Development staff further reviewed the area of Jupiter Avenue property, staff made a discovery shortly before this meeting that the property was in close proximity to a childcare facility. State statute requires the residence of a sex offender must be at least 1,500 feet from a school, childcare facility, park or place of worship. Rod announced that the Jupiter Avenue property is no longer a possibility to house a sex offender. The public was very relieved at this announcement.

### **Call of the Roll**

**Public Input** - Per Committee operating procedures, a period of public input was held.

Kris Lapp shared concerns about the safety of children walking to school.

Steve LaValley concerned about the many various activities that occur at the nearby Armory.

Rod & Jody Simet – Thank you for researching the property further. They have a five year old and also Adult Family Home. Association with Boy Scout Troop.

Nicole Owen – advocate for the Neighborhood Airport Association. Concerns about the response time of the police and concerns about safety for citizens.

Jessica & JonPaul Dragseth – 950+ in person signatures gained over the weekend.

Patti Duerkop – Also a Northside Neighborhood Airport Association member. Lots of kids play outside in the neighborhood. Concerns for their safety.

Sara O'Mara – Passions are high today, reassess neighborhood, lots of people walk past the house all the time. Anyone outside a source, children live in fear if placed at Jupiter.

Heather DeLuka, County Board Supervisor for District 24 and President of the Neighborhood Airport Association. Presented over 1,500 signatures by concerned citizens. She asked that this Committee look at the process as she should have been notified by the Committee about the potential placement.

Nancy – sexual assault victim shared her story.

Trent Lawler – Retired EC fire fighter, great neighborhood with lots of children, he was horrified of the potential for a Level I sex offender in the neighborhood.

Kimberly – No grandkids but lives in neighborhood. Husband police officer in Kansas. Put sex offender out in the country. Not in a close-knit neighborhood.

Lindsay Hink – mom of 2 kids. There isn't a good place in Eau Claire.

Holly Hehl - back yard of Jupiter property. Concerned for safety. Disappointed with the City of Eau Claire with choosing this area.

Jesse Wilson – Disappointed in process. Lived there for 16 years. Talk to property owners before making decision. Fear for no reason. Not willing to sell to sex offender.

Shawn – Neighborhood Association member. Also sexual assault victim. We aren't going to let this happen in Eau Claire our neighborhood.

Lisa Hedrington – Altoona resident. Sexual assault survivor. Tears a family apart. Shame on whoever thought this was a good idea. Emotional. Plans to attend every single meeting.

Patti Iverson – Information changed. Thank you. Don't envy your job. Sex offenders are a danger to recommit in the city. Doesn't belong in residential area.

Jean Watson – WI is in the top ten with most registered sex offenders in the nation. No neighborhood good idea. Build a facility? Have them all under one roof. Spend money wisely. Need a facility where they can get help. We have rights too. Spending our tax dollars and not a wise use of dollars.

Dan Severson – Glad to hear resolved. Hope our comments today don't fall on deaf ears. Concerned taxpayers of the city & county government workers.

Tracy Curtis – Daughter of sexual assault. No where there are kids. Bad idea.

Mishka – Survivor of sexual assault. Look at the terror in our faces. Committee doesn't care about safety. Research better. Do your job. He can't be among us.

Laura Anderson – Unnecessary hurt caused. Wasted weekend. Do more research before causing chaos.

Nancy -Sexual assault survivor. Pry on children by being manipulative, play with kids minds, tease, lure kids into house. Find a place not in the city limits.

Public input session closed at 10:45 a.m.

Pursuant to Wis. Stat. §19.85(1)(d) a motion was made by Sharon McIllquham to move into Closed Session. Second by Sherry Deyoe. Closed session began at 10:46 a.m.

A motion was made by Rod Eslinger and second by Michael Chase - Moved to open session at 11:06 a.m.

**Approval of September 10, 2019 meeting minutes** – Rod Eslinger made a motion to approve the meeting minutes dated September 10, 2019. Second by Nancy Huberty. The meeting minutes were approved.

### **Next Steps & Planning**

- Search continues for appropriate property in the county.
- Law Enforcement assessments if necessary

- Research if county owned house available.
- Meetings are held the **2<sup>nd</sup> & 4<sup>th</sup> Tuesday's at 10 a.m.** If information becomes available and the Committee needs to meet, we will call a special meeting.

The meeting adjourned at 11:20 a.m.

The next meeting is scheduled for **Tuesday, October 8, 2019 10 a.m. in Room G034.**

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Jackie Krumenauer, Committee Clerk