

**MIFFLIN WEST DISTRICT**  
**Minutes of meeting on Wednesday, December 9, 2009**  
**DRAFT**

**In attendance: Diane and Rick Broughman, Brandon Cook, Gordon Lodahl, Pat Morris, Ald. Mike Verveer, Larry Warman and Ruth Yarborough**

**Larry called the meeting to order at 6:30 p.m. in condo #604 of Metropolitan Place. The Central Library was closed due to snow. Minutes of the Nov. 11<sup>th</sup> meeting were approved by voice vote. There was a review of the nights agenda.**

**The main item on the agenda was a report and discussion by members who attended the Dec. 1<sup>st</sup> meeting with City Planning staff members Brad Murphy and Bill Fruehling. Members once again expressed their desire to add green space to the Neighborhood. Alder Verveer described the efforts by the city to acquire property. He believes our best chance would be for the city to require UW to provide a park if and when they exercise their option to buy property at the corner of Bedford and Dayton. He also believes that green/park space in neighborhood backyards might not be feasible unless it was visible and accessible from the street. Verveer felt the student government (SG) would like to have some meetings with us in our similar efforts for the Downtown Plan. He said that Adam Johnson would be our contact. Although the SC meets every Monday, the students last day before the holiday break is Dec. 15<sup>th</sup> returning in mid January. The Plan should be finalized by late January, so time is short. He mentioned that Melissa's CNI Planning Committee wrote a position paper last Spring on the City Plan.**

**Rick brought up his concerns about safety for the students in the 4 block area on Mifflin Street, between Broom and Bedford Streets. He felt better inspections are needed and more of them. Mike said that George Hank heads the inspection service and suggested that we invite him to one of our meetings. He also said that the Fire Dept. has inspectors too, who inspect common property and new developments. Larry suggested a few Mifflin West people might want to follow an inspector with clip-board and observe what they do and how they decide on fines, if that is in order.**

**Mike also mentioned that Stef Moritz distributes a "welcome brochure" to new residents in the neighborhood. The brochure has info on noise prohibition and pollution restrictions, as well as helpful telephone numbers of services. Brandon was asked about his plans for the new building he wants to build. It is 9 bedrooms in a two unit residential building that is a PUD development. He has 3 City departments to go. There were no major objections to his plans.**

**Next meeting is to be at the Library on Wed., Jan. 13<sup>th</sup> at 6:30 p.m.  
Meeting was adjourned 8:00 p.m.**