

After years of planning for public space on the west waterfront the City changed course and said we should build this private hotel...



Community members attend meetings by the hundreds, dozens testify questioning the process and decision.



The City's response



Hundreds of community members said



The City's response



Petitions signed by more than 1300 simply asking the city to slow the process

To the City of Sturgeon Bay Common Council and City Plan Commission and any other permitting agencies:
 We, the undersigned, do not support the proposed Festival Waterfront Development Plan believing that it does not follow the City's Comprehensive Plan. Therefore, we respectfully demand that a moratorium be put on all 1224 waterfront development, with the exception of the former Applebee's property for 1 year, to allow the city to develop new plans that reflect information from community, economic, environmental and traffic impact studies.

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The City's response



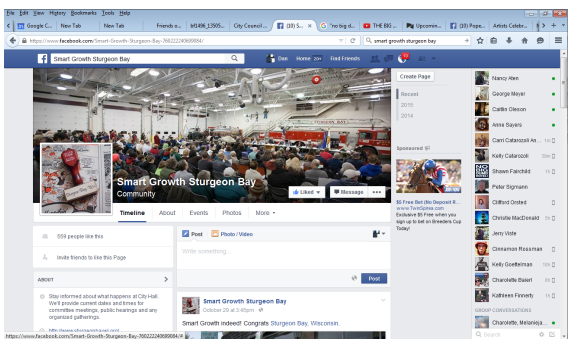
Hundreds of citizens participated in rallies and protests against the rapid action by the City



The City's response



Smart Growth Sturgeon Bay, an online community forum with more than 500 supporters, is formed to encourage our City's development in an open and responsive way



The City's response



The City Attorney's law firm sued a private citizen who spoke out. The suit was eventually withdrawn.

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PRESS RELEASE

On January 22, 2015 Carri Andersson submitted and published to a large group of recipients and news media a letter containing false and defamatory allegations

The City's response



Letter from an attorney (funded by citizens) informs City of Public Trust issues at the waterfront



The City's response



Two open-minded council members were elected. There were over a thousand votes for four candidates who questioned the City's process and decisions at the waterfront



The City's response



A Community Forum and think tank was formed to share progressive ideas for a strong Sturgeon Bay

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The City's response

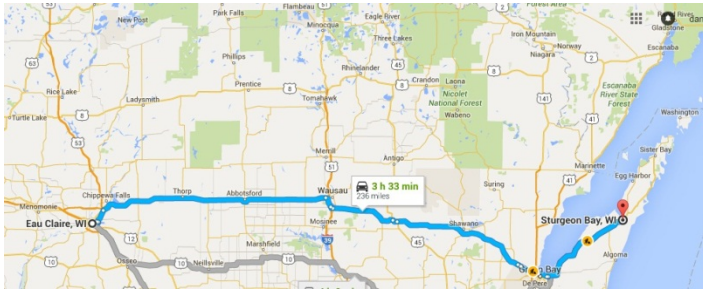


Hundreds of letters, meetings, phone calls, and emails were sent from community members documenting that the hotel site was on filled land and should be held in trust for the people.

The City's response



CenterLine sponsors Eau Claire trip to meet other city officials and understand how other communities have created vibrant spaces with inclusive community processes



The City's response



WEDC decided to *not* provide funds for the City's proposed hotel foundation work, which the City has promised to the private developer, citing community opposition as one factor (these funds of \$460,000 will therefore be a City/public obligation).

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Supporters held several meetings on site to demonstrate support for the public waterfront and public space



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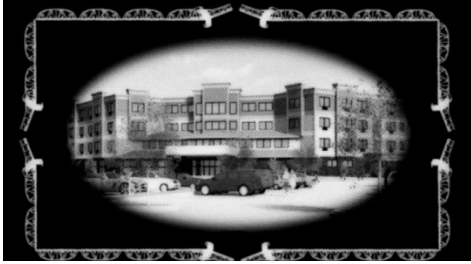


Community members provided documentation and funding to support listing the Granary on the National Register of Historic Places based on preliminary approval from WI Historic Society.

The City's response



A protest song and video professionally created

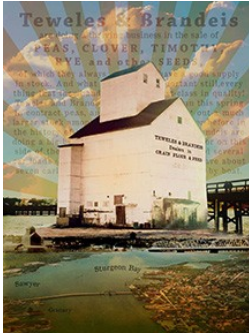


<https://www.youtube.com/watch?v=EXTftchLUfg>

The City's response



Local professional artists held a pop up art show as a reaction to the recent events surrounding Sturgeon Bay's West waterfront, and to create art concerning our future, past or present as a link to the vision of how we redefine our city in a new paradigm. Historically, it has been through the vision of artists that we are able to better understand and imagine our surroundings.



The City's response



Midwest Environmental Advocates sends second letter on the subject explaining the violations of the public trust



The City's response



Design ideas offered by citizens in super-committee and other public meetings, documented in five professional and inclusive site plans alternatives later presented to the Plan Commission, Waterfront Design Review Board and Parks and Recreation.



The City's response



Options for public use granary alternatives were funded, professionally developed and then formally presented by citizens.



The City's response



A Friends of the Sturgeon Bay Public Waterfront group was formed and funds raised to bring a lawsuit to protect the public trust at Sturgeon Bay's waterfront as outlined in the state constitution



The City's response



Bank refuses to fund the hotel

The City's response



Activating the west waterfront through attracting UWGB and UW-Milwaukee schools of fresh water science explored, along with a number of other creative ideas



The City's response



Friends of Sturgeon Bay Public Waterfront host fall social...