

President's Report

Laurel Lindstrom

Date: 8/10/05

Past Meetings/Workshops:

- Tree Advisory Committee (TAC) met on 7/26. Laurel attended as a member. Maribeth Becker attended as an ENNA Tree Liaison – Maribeth to be appointed to the committee.
- ENNA Programs and Projects (P&P) Committee met on 7/26 (see attached report)
- 73 SHA Strategy Meeting on 7/28 (see attached report)
- MNPC meeting cancelled on 8/3
- CNNA meeting on 8/8 (see attached report)
- Land Use Committee meeting of the Planning Commission on 8/9 – Laurel attended to hear item on former Gibbs College site

Future Meetings/Workshops:

- Anti-Litter Task Force cancelled on 8/12
- Meeting with Spinnaker 8/18
- Tree Advisory Committee (TAC) meeting on 8/23 at 6 PM
- 'Programs & Projects' meeting of the ENNA Board – date to be determined
- MNPC meeting on 9/7
- CNNA meeting on 9/12 at 7:30 PM
- Next regular ENNA meeting (annual meeting) is 9/14 at 7:30 PM at City Hall in Room 213
- P&Z meetings (see calendars and agendas available on City website)

Communications of Note:

- Email to membership on 7/19, 7/25, 8/7 (see email bulletin page on ENNA website).
- Laurel received several emails and phone calls from members and others regarding ENNA issues (email correspondence, and reports of phone conversations, have been forwarded to Board members as FYIs)

Media coverage about ENNA: (see Media page on ENNA website)

- Articles in the Hour and the Advocate on 7/14 following the ENNA meeting where there was a presentation of housing plans for the former Lea Manor property
- Article in the Hour on 7/15 on Lawmakers comments related to their attendance at the above ENNA meeting
- Article in the Advocate on 7/19 on plans for former Gibbs site
- Article in the Advocate on 7/27 on streets getting speed humps
- Articles in the Advocate and Norwalk Citizen-News on 7/29 announcing the planting of ENNA adopt-a-spot at SHA & Tierney for 7/30

- Photo in Advocate on 7/31 and Hour on 8/2 of ENNA planting Adopt-a-Spot
- Advocate article on 8/6 about fire at former Fitch School
- Community Briefs in local papers published meeting notices for the ENNA 8/10 meeting.

Programs & Projects Meeting Report:

Date of P&P meeting: 7/26

Present: Laurel Lindstrom; Marija Bryant; Gordon Tully; Erik Nees; Maribeth Becker; Wendye Pardue

Items discussed:

- 1) Newsletter – 400 copies printed so far. Board members will distribute copies. Discussion on cost.
- 2) Annual Meeting – September 14 – Bylaws outline agenda items
- 3) September Event discussion started.
- 4) Adopt-a-Spot at Strawberry Hill and Tierney to be planted using Nick's recommendations. Adopt-A-Spot at East Avenue and Sunset looks good so ENNA will take site back again
- 5) Cleanup request received from Howard Avenue for pickup of large items. No response from neighborhood to assist in effort. Board decided on October 1 for ENNA Fall Cleanup in Yankee Doodle/Sherry/Elton/Hendricks neighborhood (without large-item pickup so no DPW assistance needed)
- 6) CNNA board member changes. Laurel will step down from board at next meeting and Maribeth will be nominated. Laurel will still be primary member to coordinate ENNA board member votes as needed.
- 7) 42-44 East Avenue former Gibbs College site – ENNA monitoring progress of DiScala housing plan. Gordon will review Cecil design/site plan when available.
- 8) 73 Strawberry Hill Avenue – Discussion on upcoming Strategy meeting ENNA organized for July 28 for neighbors in vicinity of site. Laurel to chair meeting.

Date of next P&P meeting: to be decided

73 Strawberry Hill Avenue Strategy Meeting Report:

Date of meeting: 7/28

Attendees: Laurel Lindstrom, Wendye Pardue, Mayor Alex Knopp, and more than 35 members/residents

Discussion:

- Packet prepared by ENNA distributed
- Options for site
- Pros and cons of housing proposals put forward by new owner
- Next steps

Coalition of Norwalk Neighborhood Associations Report:

Date of last CNNA meeting(s): 8/8

Laurel stepped down from board. Maribeth elected to board along with 2 other CNNA members -- Bob Wagman to remain on board as Coordinator.

West Avenue revised revitalization plan not yet ready from NRA – still being reviewed in department but will be available for CNNA to review soon.

Potential uses of old police station building discussed.

Date of next CNNA meeting(s): 9/12

Mayor's Neighborhood Preservation Committee Report:

Date of last MNPC meeting: 7/6; 8/3 cancelled

Date of next MNPC meeting(s): 9/7 at 10 AM

Tree Liaison's Report

Maribeth Becker (north of the I-95) and Nick Overall (south of the I-95) are the ENNA Tree Liaisons.

Activity Summary: continuing work on Adopt-A-Spots and attendance at Tree Advisory Committee meeting.

Respectfully submitted by Laurel Lindstrom