

**EASTERN NORWALK NEIGHBORHOOD ASSOCIATION  
MEETING OF THE BOARD OF DIRECTORS**

**May 12, 2010  
Minutes**

**Board Member Attendees:** Laurel Lindstrom, Marija Bryant, Diane Cece

**Board Members Absent:** Zvi Cole, Nick Overall, Gordon Tully

**Advisory Board Member Attendees:** none

**Advisory Board Members Absent:** Sarah Hunter, Peter Libre, Art Santella

**Public:** David Marcus

**Author:** Laurel Lindstrom

- 1) Meeting called to order at 7:30 PM in Room 101 at City Hall
- 2) Public Participation – none at this time.
- 3) Regular Business – Discussion items:
  - a. Watchlist Properties
    - i. 93 East Avenue/Norwalk Inn: further discussion regarding role of ENNA. Still no zoning application submitted. Conceptual proposals only have been presented by owner and reviewed by ENNA, NPT and neighbors. ENNA not prepared to support conceptual plans. If application is submitted ENNA will review it.
    - ii. Fitch School property: Maplewood assisted living proposal goes to Zoning Commission public hearing May 19 at 7:30 PM. Conservation Commission made its decision May 11<sup>th</sup> to approve the application with conditions (public hearing was Apr. 27). Laurel has contacted Conservation staff and will get copy of conditions. Position statement to be drafted that states that ENNA supports the proposal if Conservation conditions satisfied and concerns presented by residents are sufficiently addressed.
    - iii. Norden Place update. Under appeal, no change.
    - iv. Olmsted Wetlands. Diane will walk site to assess whether vegetation planted last year is adequate.
    - v. East Norwalk Center: no change.
    - vi. 23 Platt St (former Norwalk Barrel Company) – DEP reviewing for contamination before condo construction approval. On City’s list of properties that have not paid property taxes per Diane.
    - vii. Liquor Permits: no new permits
  - b. Neighborhood Issues / Committees
    - i. Roads and walkways: Traffic calming, speed prevention, and alternative transportation.
      1. East Avenue Reconstruction: Utility assessment in progress.
      2. ‘Safe Routes to Schools’: no action
      3. Sidewalk repairs: discussion on poor repair in front of business establishments and need for City involvement to get owners to take responsibility.
      4. Livablenorwalk.org information presented by David Marcus. Discussed his interest in adding bicycle lane to Gregory Blvd. through striping and elimination of on-street parking when paving is done in near future.
    - ii. Parks: Vets Park master plan RFP not yet before Rec and Parks Committee of the Common Council.
    - iii. Flooding: No change.
    - iv. Crime: Possibility of a forum discussed. Our contact officer for reports will change next month. Recent break-in to locker room at NHS discussed.
    - v. Zoning: no action
  - c. MNPC Report – submitted.

- d. Coalition of Norwalk Neighborhood Associations:
  - i. Representative presented recommendations to Council's Rec and Parks Committee re need for public involvement in park decisions early and often. Well received by committee.
  - ii. City website design – involvement requested
- e. Historic Preservation report:
  - i. Village Creek is in the process of obtaining a National Register of Historic Places listing and is preparing a show at the Norwalk Museum about the history of the area, the significance (local and national) and some of notable people who have lived there.
  - ii. Norwalk Inn negotiations are on hold pending the Inn's review of the settlement agreement between NPT and the Inn. NPT (and legislators) waiting to see zoning application for desired zone change and final plans.
  - iii. Other significant preservation gains in Norwalk:
    - 1. Gallaher Mansion in Cranbury Park accepted to State Historic Register as was Pine Island cemetery.
    - 2. Police Station in Mathews Park scheduled for removal and land returned to Park.
    - 3. Preservation plan for city owned buildings, initiated by HC some years back, presented and accepted by HC.
    - 4. NPT working with HC to contract with consultant to develop historic resource inventory of a part of Norwalk as a beginning for a larger inventory that will include more areas of Norwalk.
    - 5. NPT presenting a service of workshops -- Your Green Old House -- on making historic homes more energy efficient without sacrificing the historic or architectural details.
- f. Trees, Landscape and Adopt –a-spot report: no action
- g. Other
  - i. Newsletter.
  - ii. Website.
  - iii. Neighborhood Clean –up: Held on April 24<sup>th</sup>.

#### BOARD ONLY

- 4) Meeting Minutes:
  - a. November Minutes approved with corrections.
  - b. December Minutes approved
  - c. January Minutes approved with corrections.
  - d. February Minutes approved with corrections
  - e. March Minutes approved with corrections.
  - f. April Minutes tabled (still to be submitted).
- 5) Treasurers Report –submitted.
- 6) Next Meeting: June 9<sup>th</sup>, at 7:30. Room 101 at City Hall.
- 7) Meeting Adjourned at 9:30.