

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

**January 11, 2006
Minutes**

Board Member Attendees: Laurel Lindstrom (president), Marija Bryant, Maribeth Becker, Sarah Hunter, Diane Lauricella (Advisory Board)

Others: Carolanne Curry; Don Capone

1. Meeting called to order at 7:30 PM.
2. Public Participation – none
3. Minutes
 - a. November minutes accepted as presented by unanimous voice vote.
 - b. December minutes accepted as amended.
 - i. 2 c, add “always” so that phrase reads “speed bumps are not always the answer.”
 - ii. 2 e, change “news” to “needs”
 - iii. 2 f, change “moves” to “moved”
 - iv. 4 c iv, change “will be built” to “are proposed”
 - v. 6 a ii, delete querying note.
 - vi. 6 a iv delete sentence.
 - vii. 6 c I change “agreed to date” to “suggested date”
4. Reports
 - a. Treasurer’s Report – Gordon Tully; no report due to illness.
 - b. President’s Report – Laurel Lindstrom
 - i. See attached president’s report.
 - ii. Discussion about disseminating information about future meetings.
 - iii. Signing of conflict of interest policy tabled to next meetings.
 - iv. Mayor’s Neighborhood Preservation Committee
 1. Vandalism at Calf Pasture. Mike Moccia (Parks and Rec.) notified group that damage has already been fixed to discourage additional damage.
 2. Fitch Park updates to playground equipment and the safety of the equipment.
 3. Traffic engineer gave an update of traffic conditions and proposed improvements around the high school, secondary school and elementary school which included “60 or 70 signs” that announce 20 mph speed limit during school hours.
 4. Discussions about a “slow down week” and how ENNA will participate.
 5. Copies of “At Your Fingertips” distributed to group
 - v. Laurel will email constituency for suggested areas for clean ups
 - vi. Discussions about engaging City Scan more often for Eastern Norwalk issues.
 - c. CNNA – Maribeth Becker
 - i. CNNA met last Monday with Police Chief Rilling as guest. Issues discussed included speeding and traffic calming. Suggestions were to have “theme days” – “get off your phone day” “stop speeding weekend”. Newest problem in Norwalk: car break ins and car theft. Rilling offered to restart “meet the chief” evenings.
 - ii. Question raised of what can neighborhood associations do to support “weed and seed”. Chief will get back to us.
 - iii. Question about status of community policing initiatives. Suggestion raised to invite chief to ENNA meeting to discuss community policing.
 - d. NPT – Marija Bryant
 - i. NPT will be reviewing Master Plan on historic issues and submitting written comments.

- ii. Need to garner support for the demolition moratorium resolution passed by Historical Commission; requesting a year moratorium on demolitions in order to update zoning and ordinances to provide incentives for preservation of neighborhoods and historic buildings in the city.
 - e. Tree Liaison Report – Nick Overall, not able to attend meeting but Maribeth gave report in his absence.
 - i. Golden Hill request for street trees; desire is to have a canopy of trees on Golden Hill
 - ii. Tree advisory committee would like to coordinate better with property owners in maintaining trees.
- 5. Programs and Projects:**
- a. Norden property.
 - i. Carolanne Curry, Save Old Saugatuck, discusses impact of the development of the Norden property on Hiawatha Lane (Westport) residents. Also discussed in the development at the end of Hiawatha Lane (100 units developed by Fred Curry).
 - ii. Conservation Commission holding hearing on the wetland impact on February 14th. Industrial Zone committee will have recommendation on what to do about current industrial zones on January 23. Planning Commission voting on the zone change on February 14. Therefore, it is thought that the earliest the plan could go to zoning for the requested zone change (industrial to residential) is mid February.
 - iii. Discussions about possible actions include writing letters to the Conservation Commission to ask questions, have neighbors fund their own traffic impact study; encourage Norwalk and Westport to look at this as one area with impact spreading wider than simple town boundaries.
 - b. Gibbs site plan review on January 12th. Suggestion is made to be sure that any development along the harbor includes a formal assessment of the impact on coastal resources.
 - c. Liberty Square Neighborhood Center Improvement Project
 - i. ENNA received letter from NRA with commitment of \$30,000 grant, conditional on ENNA matching funds. NRA is requesting written evidence of the matching contributions by February 10.
 - ii. ACTION: Marija will contact CT Trust for availability of a grant to serve as part of the needed matching funds, Laurel will follow up with the Community Economic Development Grant to perform retail analysis, Diane will contact Keith Brown and Tony D'Andrea (Select Plastics). Options of family foundations and 3rd Taxing District are also raised.
- 6. Newsletter**
- a. Since Laurel continues to write, edit, layout and print the quarterly newsletter, she said that it is easier for her if there are preset dates for publication to which we adhere. These dates are to coincide with the first day of each new season. For this year, these dates are March 20, June 21, September 23 and December 22. Laurel asked that Board members submit articles as their schedule allows during each quarter and Laurel will include these in the next newsletter.
- 7. New business -- None**
- 8. Next regular board meeting: Wednesday February 8, 2006**
- 9. Meeting adjourned at 10 PM.**

Respectfully submitted, Marija Bryant, Secretary.