

**EAST NORWALK NEIGHBORHOOD ASSOCIATION
REGULAR MEETING OF THE BOARD OF DIRECTORS**

January 15, 2004

Minutes

Attendees: Laurel Lindstrom, Richard Brousseau Jr., Marija Bryant, Erik Nees, Gordon Tully, Marie DeLeo, Anthony Halim

Others: Norwalk Police Chief Harry Rilling

1. The meeting was called to order at 7:12 pm

2. **Chief Rilling “Meet the Chief”**

The Board wanted to know what kind of assistance we could be to the Police Department. Email is the best way to contact him so he can forward issues to the officers so they can look into them. Chief Rilling spoke about getting together community police this is going to take time and the budget plays a big part, The Board asked if we can have an advisor from the police department and meet with this officer to discuss issues we would like to see addressed. We need to contact him directly to discuss further. The Board brought to his attention the speeding in school zones. Chief Rilling will be more than happy to talk to us regarding issues that we would like to see addressed.

3. Minutes of December 18, 2003 meeting were approved

4. **Treasurer’s Report**

Marie reported that the account has \$300.00 in it as of today.

5. **President’s Report**

Laurel spoke about the filling of the 501c3. The documents are being prepared and Marie is working on the budget looking to have the application completed and submitted for March 22, 2004. The mailing to members went out on January 10th. We need to figure out how to keep track of the completed questionnaire responses and what we can do with the information, we have had two responses. Laurel spoke about the Master plan asking the board members to get together some lists of recommendations on what they would like to see in the Master plan looking for assets in particular within our boundaries. Laurel suggested bringing these suggestions to the next meeting. Laurel is on the board for a month with the Coalition of Neighborhood Associations to see if we should continue to be represented she will keep us posted. Information provided on the Revaluation Informational meetings that the City is holding in various neighborhoods. The board discussed that our association did not need to be represented at the meetings, since members would participate as individual property owners. We have already notified our members of the times and locations of the three meetings within our borders. There is an Arbor Day event meeting at Marvin School on January 23rd at 1:30. Laurel has arranged with the Chair of the Tree Advisory Committee, Don Nelson, for the ENNA to partner in the event. The board will vote on the letterhead at a later date. Laurel circulated a list of our current projects with the deadline dates.

6. Committees:

a. Neighborhood Issues

Laurel showed the possible route that will be walked April 7, 2004 for the MNPC walking tour at 10am; any suggestions on other possible routes should be discussed. Gordon suggested a bus Laurel will look into the idea. The board should be thinking about issues that we would like to see addressed. Laurel, Marie and Rich will do a trial walk before hand.

b. Nominating

The East Norwalk Neighborhood Association is still looking to recruit Directors to serve on the board.

c. Membership

Hope to have something to report on at the next Board meeting. We have had two questionnaires returned wanting more information and someone to contact them. The Board suggested that the Director who is in that vicinity contact the ones who are interested.

d. Roads and Public Works

Erik will be in contact with Dick Linnartz regarding the speed bumps to find out when the process will begin with sending letters to the residents of each street that has been approved. Erik had great feedback form Frank Mauro regarding installing the Briteside reflector strips along Strawberry Hill Ave at the cross walks. At least near the schools.

e. Beautification & Parks

Marie reported that there are many trees around Norwalk High School's field that have died and need to be replaced. She will attend the Arbor Day meeting at Marvin School.

f. Planning and Zoning

Marija will be looking into the bright lights at the new tanning salon located across from the Historic Cemetery. These lights are very bright. She is concerned about the historic building at 95 East Avenue being at risk because of recent activity regarding the property. Gordon will attend the Redevelopment Agency meeting this month for the presentation & discussion of the planning of Wall Street revitalization.

g. Schools and Education

Anthony will try to attend the Arbor Day meeting at Marvin School.

7. Other Business.

No other business

8. Next meeting will be February 19, 2004

9. Meeting was adjourned at 10:16 pm.

Respectfully Submitted By

Richard Brousseau Jr.