

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

February 19, 2004

Minutes

Attendees: Laurel Lindstrom, Richard Brousseau Jr., Marija Bryant, Erik Nees, Gordon Tully, Marie De Leo

Absent: Anthony Halim

Guests: Bill Poutray and Mary Poutray (owners of 85 East Avenue), Lynn Friedman (Norwalk Historical Society), Bill Kraus (Urban Revitalization, Historical Preservation, Adaptive Re-use).

1. The meeting was called to order at 7:30 pm
2. **Guest Presentation; Lynn Freedman, Norwalk Historical Society Historic Building Plaquing Program.**
Lynn Friedman began her presentation by showing the Plaque. It is used for houses that are over 100 years old and that the research shows the history of the home. Exceptions are made for houses less than 100 years old if they are historically significant. The Norwalk Historical Society has plaqued over 75 houses in the past two years. She also spoke about Fort Point Street being the first settlement of houses. She stated that a lot of people are worried about plaquing their home because they are worried they will have restrictions. This is not true in this program. There is a small fee of \$300.00 for the sign and a Historical report of the home. Lynn Friedman would like to work with the East Norwalk Neighborhood Association in getting the Houses surrounding the green plaqued. Marija suggested we get the word out in our Newsletter.
3. **Master Plan ENNA recommendations document.** The Board has a 20 page draft document that we have prepared. We provided Bill Krauss with a copy. Bill spoke about how to gather and put together our ideas for the master plan. He said that many times the neighborhood issues go on a wish list and the redevelopment issues are the ones that are addressed and the monies absorb. He said to concentrate on areas and designate them. He spoke about taking an area and building a gateway to that specific area making it a transition zone, Example; Going from an industrial or commercial use area of a neighborhood to residential. A residential area should be defined, more of a gateway. He also spoke about building character on the main spines; instead of T intersections make them into Y ones. Bill showed the Board a map of the emergency routes. This map is one found at the DPW. He mentioned to look at the long-term plan for East Norwalk, Look at the threats and figure out how and what to do to protect them. Some of those threats would be the mall on West Avenue, Lillian August sight becoming a housing sight these would make more traffic. The public has not been able to

Speak out about the plans for West Avenue. These plans have all been behind closed doors. He added we need to keep Norwalk New England looking. He said a lot of pictures of how Norwalk used to be can be found in many books, The Norwalk Museum has many books and the Historical Society has books and maps.

3. Minutes of January 15, 2004 meeting were approved
4. **Treasurer's Report:** Marie reported that the account has \$435.83. We had \$100.00 in donations from 4 people. The Budget has been set up for the 501 C3
5. **President's Report**
We had 13 responses from our questionnaire. Planning the clean up flyer has been drafted.
6. **Committees:** reports postponed until next meeting
7. **501 c3: Status:** No report
8. Revised Letters to Contributors approved on vote from board
9. The TTD request for funding was voted on and accepted.
10. Next meeting will be March 18, 2004
11. Meeting was adjourned at 10:12 pm

Respectfully Submitted By

Richard Brousseau Jr.