

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

September 29, 2003

**MINUTES**

**Attendees:** Laurel Lindstrom, Marie Deleo, Richard Brousseau Jr.,  
Marija Bryant, Erik Nees.

The meeting was called to order at 7:35 pm

- 1. Introduction: Directors & Officers and History of ENNA:**  
Laurel opened the meeting with talking about the past and future of the East Norwalk Neighborhood Association. Director's introduced themselves.
- 2. Constitution and Bylaws:**  
The Constitution and Bylaws were distributed and Laurel went over the revisions that were made. The Board motioned to accept the adoption of the Constitution and Bylaws. Passed unanimously
- 3. Nomination of two new Directors:**  
Laurel nominated Anthony Halim and Gordon Tully as Directors, the Board motioned to accept. Passed unanimously
- 4. Committees:**  
The Committees have been organized, and we will be looking for candidates to get involved in each one. An application process will be set for all new Directors.
- 5. Membership dues:**  
The Board discussed the membership dues asking that we make it a donation instead of a due or fee. Letting the residents of East Norwalk know what their contributions are being used for.
- 6. Increasing Membership:**  
Laurel discussed the cost of mailings to the residents and how costly it would be if we mailed first class at 37 cents compared to Bulk mailing Laurel will be looking into this further maybe leaning more towards bulk mailings. East Norwalk has over 6,000 residents. Laurel will be putting together a press release for the newspapers. The Board recommended putting ads in the news letter from local business owners raising money for the operations of the association.

**7. Future meetings:**

The Board agreed upon having the monthly Board meeting every 3<sup>rd</sup> Thursday at 7:30 pm at City Hall.

**8. Other business:**

Laurel stated that a Director can have items placed on the Agenda as long as it is 14 days prior to the meeting Directors may also bring up discussion items at the meeting that would be placed under other Business.

The Board has no problem with Laurel going ahead with letters and other information to area officials and others as long as we are cc on the issues and kept aware.

The papers have been filed with the State for Incorporation. The papers to the IRS for 501c3 along with papers for a tax id are being prepared.

Board of Directors contact information will be emailed to each Director for further contact use.

Workshop will take place on October 22 sponsored by Pro Bono on roles of Directors. Laurel, Marija and Rich interested in attending.

CD is available for \$75 at Tax Assessor's office at City hall with names and addresses on property owners in Norwalk. The Board will consider purchasing to use for mailings and for verifying membership.

As per Board member of West Norwalk Association a coalition of neighborhood association is being planned. Laurel will be contacted.

Issue of affiliations that we have with other groups was discussed. Marija stated the ENNA is a member of the Norwalk Preservation Trust. She stated that currently the Trust is focused on saving an historic house at 5 Elmcrest Terrace located next to the Norwalk Hospital.

Issue of the Board taking positions was discussed. Currently there are business signs in the front yards of the property in the Village District of East Avenue that do not conform to regulation. Business owners are going to the ZBA for variances to keep the existing signs that in many cases are too large and too close to the street. The sign at 162 East Avenue (William Pitt) goes to ZBA Public Hearing on October 2. Marija as chairwoman of the P&Z Committee will pursue the issue further.

The CL&P tree maintenance policy may have changed so that more severe trimming of trees for greater clearance on wires may take place. Residents receive letters from CL&P prior to trimming and may refuse trimming or request to be present during trimming. Some severe trimming recently took place on Highland Avenue. The same practice could occur elsewhere in Norwalk.

A brief discussion occurred regarding the proposed Phase 2 power line that will run underground along the Post Road (the northern boundary of the Association). The Board will follow and keep abreast of developments.

The Board voted to go into Executive Session at 9:35 pm and came out of Executive Session at 9:50 pm.

The meeting was adjourned at 9:55 pm.

Respectfully Submitted

Richard Brousseau Jr.