

President's Report – attachment

Laurel Lindstrom

Date: 2/8/06

(See Meeting Minutes for complete report)

Communications of Note:

- Email to membership on 1/27 and 2/3 (see email bulletin page on ENNA website).
- Contacted P&Z requesting change in date of Norden Public Hearing from March 1, since it conflicts with date of TTD annual meeting – successful in having date changed to March 7.
- Sent letter to all Liberty Square property owners informing them of the successful application to the NRA for funding for Liberty Square improvements, requesting owners to consider providing matching funds. Subsequent meeting between individual property owners and ENNA board members. On 2/1 met with Jim Clark of Golden Hill Association to compare strategies for securing funds from NRA, and to evaluate Neighborhood Centers Program.
- After repeated efforts, on 2/3 spoke with Mayor Moccia regarding need for funds for traffic calming on Strawberry Hill Ave. He states that in addition to creating a school zone on SHA, funds will go toward traffic calming (either from funds left over in last years Capital Budget funds or from this year's Capital Budget funds).
- Contacted by Rowayton Civic Association/Sixth Taxing District to print 250 copies of AYF for the RCA annual meeting 3/1. Sixth TD will contribute \$50 to ENNA to help pay for printing.
- Contact with TTD Commissioners related to upcoming annual meeting on March 1. Also spoke with TTD commissioner, giving our continued support for removal of billboards at EN Train station.
- Received several emails and phone calls from members and others regarding ENNA issues (significant email correspondence, and reports of phone conversations, have been forwarded to Board members as FYIs)

Meetings/Workshops that I attended since last ENNA regular meeting:

- Attended United Way one-day workshop on grant writing 1/11
- Zoning Committee – further review of 11 Norden Place application 1/12 at 7:30 PM – public hearing date set for 3/1. Presentation by Attorney David Waters of proposed 36-unit condo development at 142-144 East Avenue.
- ENNA Master Plan Committee (Laurel Lindstrom, Marija Bryant, Gordon Tully, Sarah Hunter, Diane Lauricella) met for 5 hours 1/17 to review Planning Commission Plan of Conservation and Development Planning Principles (comments posted on ENNA Home Page). Bob Wagman (CNNA) and Tod Bryant (NPT) present during part of meeting.
- Attended United Way/ProBono Partnership 'Legal Issues for Nonprofits' workshop on 1/18

- Planning Commission Master Plan public workshop for comments on Planning Principles on 1/19 at 7 PM. ENNA spoke and submitted comments in writing.
- Industrial Zones Committee met on 1/23 at 8:30 AM – made final recommendations, including multifamily housing for Norden site
- Conservation Commission meeting 1/24 at 5:30 PM reviewed recommended Industrial Zones regulation changes and reviewed NordenPark – awaiting submissions of RFPs by consultant (deadline 1/27). Norden public hearing scheduled for 1/14
- Tree Advisory Committee (TAC) met on 1/24
- ENNA board members (Laurel Lindstrom, Marija Bryant, Erik Nees, Maribeth Becker, Diane Lauricella – Advisory Board) met with NRA (Tim Sheehan, Mike Moore) on 1/26 at 10:30 AM regarding Liberty Square Proposal
- Wall Street Committee for developing an historic guide for developers met 1/30 at 4:30 PM
- Human Relations Commission special meeting on 1/30 at 6 PM regarding Park Street graffiti incident (swastika on apartment door)
- 11 Norden Place 316-unit condo development presented by developer (Spinnaker) to public on 1/31 at 7 PM at East Norwalk Library – downstairs hall.
- MNPC meeting on 2/1 at 10 AM (see minutes – once approved by committee)
- Planning Commission Capital Budget Public Hearing on 2/1 at 7 PM. ENNA spoke in support of select items
- Third Taxing District Commission Special meeting on 2/1 at 7 PM in preparation of annual meeting on 3/1
- Planning Committee of the Common Council held a public hearing on 2/2 at 7:30 PM on the Draft West Avenue Redevelopment Plan
- Third Taxing District Commission Special meeting on 2/8 at 7 PM in preparation of annual meeting on 3/1
- CNNA meeting(s) – none since last ENNA board meeting (see minutes – once approved)

Future Meetings/Events/Workshops:

- See ENNA Calendar Page on ENNA website for P&Z – and other meetings – which ENNA is following.
- ENNA 'Programs & Projects' committee meeting(s) TBA
- Westport and Main Avenue Corridors Advisory Committee meeting TBA
- Zoning Committee of the Zoning Commission meeting at 7:30 PM 2/9 – discussion on Norden development. Public hearing date to be changed to March 7 at 7 PM.
- CNNA meeting(s) on 2/13 at 7:30 PM
- Zoning Workshop on 2/17
- Tree Advisory Committee (TAC) meeting on 2/28 at 6 PM
- MNPC meeting on 3/1 at 10 AM
- TTD Annual meeting on 3/1 at 7 PM

- Zoning Board of Appeals on 3/2 at 7:30 PM regarding Elderhouse variance request for setbacks to decrease in East Avenue Village District. Tentative date.
- Next regular ENNA meeting is 3/8 at 7:30 PM at City Hall in Room A333
- Planning Committee of the Common Council public hearing on Capital Budget 4/4
- P&Z meetings (see calendars and agendas available on City website)

Media coverage about ENNA: (see Media page on ENNA website)

- Mention in Hour and Advocate articles on 2/1 on the Norden presentation the evening before
- Letter to Editor printed in Hour from ENNA on 1/29 re Norden Place development.
- Mention in Hour article on 1/20 on Master Plan comments and in article on 1/19 prior to the Planning Commission meeting
- Mention in article in Hour on 1/13 re paving of lower East Avenue
- Mention in article in Hour and in Advocate on 1/13 re Norden development
- Article in Hour on 2/7 specific to the ENNA meeting on 2/8 for presentation of plans for former Gibbs College site.
- Community Briefs in local papers published meeting notices for the Spinnaker Norden presentation of 1/31 and for the ENNA 2/8 meeting.

Programs & Projects – ENNA Committee Meeting(s) Report(s):

- Significant outcomes of committee meetings will be included in Regular Board Meeting Minutes

Respectfully submitted by Laurel Lindstrom