

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

**January 14, 2009
Minutes**

Board Member Attendees: Marija Bryant, Diane Cece, Laurel Lindstrom (president), Art Santella, Nick Overall

Board Members Absent: Zvi Cole

Advisory Board Member Attendees: Gordon Tully

Advisory Board Member Absent: Peter Libre, Sarah Hunter

Others: John Deacy

Author: Nick Overall

- 1) Meeting called to order at 7:30 PM
- 2) Public Participation:
 - a) **Commercial Vehicles on Sycamore Street:** John Deacy noted that commercial vehicles have been parking overnight on Sycamore Street and block traffic. He and neighbors will check if vehicles have commercial plates.
 - b) **Neighborhood Concern:** A resident has reported suspicious comings and goings by vehicles at a house off Calf Pasture Beach Road. Board discussed options. Police have been notified.
 - c) **Firearms and Public Parks:** Laurel discusses safety concerns and issues of inadequate signage. Contacted Mike Mocciaie and he said there were signs that got vandalized and he will look to get them replaced.
- 3) Minutes
 - a) December minutes approved as corrected.
- 4) President's Report – Laurel Lindstrom
 - a) None at this time
- 5) Treasurer's report – New income before end of year.
- 6) Regular Business:
 - a) Watch List Properties
 - i) **23 Platt Street:** No new information. No new meetings or public hearing scheduled yet.
 - ii) **201 Liberty Square:** Diane will contact Board with next steps & volunteers for petition signatures.
 - iii) **Fitch School Property:** still for sale - nothing new.
 - iv) **10 Goldstein:** Property owner is applying for permit. Laurel mentioned to Zoning Commission that proposed use is not in conformance with master plan for future of riverfront. Zoning Commission has taken it into consideration.
 - v) **Stew Leonard's Expansion:** Nothing new.
 - vi) **Gregory Blvd zoning change proposal:** Going to public hearing for zoning change. ENNA supports zoning change from "Neighborhood Business" to "C- Residential".
 - vii) **Water Treatment Facility:** Donna Schlegel stated in an email to Laurel she made calls to the phone number on the City website dedicated as the 'Odor reporting' line but the number didn't function. When she called the Customer Service Center line she was told that odor complaints are now to be called directly into the CSC.
 - viii) **High/Knight/North Zone change:** Marija is concerned about expansion, as current owner of mason yard owns some nearby properties. Diane will check via website if there are zoning violations.

viii) **94 East Avenue:** Marija asked that that it be taken off future agendas.

b) Neighborhood Issues/Committees

- i) **Parks and Recreation Beach Stickers:** Beach sticker fee was voted against by the council. Laurel will try to bring issue up to corporation counsel. ENNA supports the fee.
- ii) **East Norwalk / Ludlow Square:** ENNA recommends Nick Overall develop a plan to present to stake holders as a point to begin discussions. Nick will check with DPW of what plans may be available.
- iii) **Crime:** Nothing new.
- iv) **Revaluation:** Laurel attended a revaluation forum held by the City. Approximately 100 in attendance. Residents of Cloverly Circle will meet with J.F.Ryan, city consultant, to clarify rates.
- v) **Flooding:** Nothing new.
- vi) **Historic Preservation:**
 - (1) January 22nd - 93 East Avenue. Oral arguments are scheduled.
 - (2) Norwalk Preservation Trust will apply for state grant to start update of Norwalk Historic Resource Inventory.
 - (3) Norwalk Preservation Trust has new website: norwalkpreservation.org.
- 7) Nick will contact DPW regarding their preparedness to respond to a sewage break similar to Greenwich. Nick will also contact Chris Perone and Bob Duff.
- c) 8) Mayor's Neighborhood Preservation Committee Report – Diane will attend monthly meetings in Laurel's absence until further notice.
- 9) CNNA Report – Tabled until next meeting.
 - (1) 10) Trees, Landscape & Adopt-A-Spots – Nick will see if tree was correctly relocated on Olmsted. Will contact residents on Pequot Drive regarding potential trees for spring planting.
- 11) Next regular board meeting: February 11, 2008.
- 12) Meeting adjourned at 9:30 PM

Submitted by Nick Overall