

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

**March 11, 2009
Minutes**

Board Member Attendees: Marija Bryant, Diane Cece, Laurel Lindstrom (president), Zvi Cole

Board Members Absent: Art Santella, Nick Overall

Advisory Board Member Attendees: Gordon Tully

Advisory Board Member Absent: Sarah Hunter, Peter Libre

Others: John Deacy, Tom Donaher, James Stuart

Author: Zvi Cole

1. Meeting called to order at 7:40 PM
2. Public Participation:
 - a) none at this time
3. Regular Business:
 - a) Watch List Properties
 - i) **Former Fitch School Property on Strawberry Hill Ave.:** in foreclosure – discussion re permitted uses and uses that would be accepted by neighborhood. Owner has option of paying taxes up to March 24.
 - ii) **10 Goldstein:** Zoning Commission hearing next week. Discussion re conditions of approval for proposed contractor's yard that need to be included. Laurel will send letter to ZC with input from board.
 - iii) **Lower East Ave/Norwalk Center** DOT and Public Works informational meeting scheduled for Mar. 17 re project to replace the railroad bridge and widen East Ave. Position statement, mitigate truck traffic, use of Martin Luther King discussed. Design Road to prevent speeding and limit trucks. Laurel mentioned that the portion of property along East Ave. at Rowan Street is in a low income census tract that may require additional protective steps to be taken by the DOT in this project. Diane will look into the Environmental Justice Act which prohibits dumping environmentally negative items in poorer neighborhoods.
 - iv) **23 Platt Street:** No new information. No new meetings or public hearing scheduled yet.
 - v) **201 Liberty Square/Officers Club:** Diane will follow up again with Lt. Dave Wrinn regarding the latest of the violations, including 7 since our last police report last fall and will contact Board with next steps & volunteers for petition signatures.
 - b) Neighborhood Issues/Committees
 - i) **Roads and Walkways Traffic Calming, speed prevention and alternative transportation:** Review of ongoing issues.
 - ii) **Flooding:** no news at this time
 - iii) **Crime:** Discussion of increased crime. Talked about recent break-ins off East Ave and car thefts.
 - iv) **Historic Preservation:** 93 East Avenue discussed; Marija Bryant says Wall Street Historic District vote coming . 124 East Ave is back with plans submitted to planning and zoning. Mill Hill Master Plan being developed.

- v) **Trees:** Laurel mentioned that the ENNA Adopt a Spot sign at the Strawberry Hill Ave. site has gone missing within past couple of weeks. The Adopt a Spot sign at the East Ave. site went missing about a year and a half ago. Both sign need replacement. Follow-up with Nick Overall for sign replacement through Rising Sign.
- c) Mayor' Neighborhood Preservation Committee Report: Diane recommended everyone review the draft minutes on line, and talked a little bit about the new initiative Keep Norwalk Beautiful, where the city will seek to be an affiliate of Keep America Beautiful. Diane has volunteered to be involved with the group.
- d) Newsletter: No activity.
- e) Website: Laurel states that she currently isn't able to make changes to the website because her computer is being serviced. Should have access within the week.
- f) Neighborhood Cleanup: Set for April 25th. Diane spoke about having contacted the Norwalk High Schoolers who helped last year, and awaiting word from them on how many friends they can bring. Also arranged for notices on News12 what's happening calendar page and broadcast on their community channel. Zvi is going to get one or two quotes on ENNA banners for our use for clean up and at other events.
- g) CNNA Report: None at this time

Board only section (some of information above in item #3 may have been discussed during 'board only' part of meeting)

- 4. Minutes
 - a) February minutes tabled.
- 5. President's Report – Laurel Lindstrom
 - a) Review of bylaws requirements and discussion of same by board
- 6. Treasurer's report – sent by email to board prior to meeting.
- 7. Next regular board meeting: April 8, 2009
- 8. Meeting adjourned at 9:55 PM

Submitted by Zvi Cole