

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

January 9, 2008

Minutes

Board Member Attendees: Laurel Lindstrom (president), Diane Cece, Erik Nees, Gordon Tully,

Board Members Absent: Sarah Hunter,

Advisory Board Member Attendees: Marija Bryant

Advisory Board Member Absent: Nick Overall, Maribeth Becker (CNNA coordinator),

Others: None

1. Meeting called to order at 8:00 PM (following 6:30 PM public meeting on Vets Park held by the Rec. and Parks Committee of the Common Council).
2. Public Participation – none at this time
3. Minutes
 - a. Tabled approval of August, September, November, December minutes until next meeting.
4. President's Report – Laurel Lindstrom
 - a. None at this time
5. Treasurer's report – Diane Cece. Presented itemized report for month ending December 31.
6. Regular Business:
 - a. Watch List Properties
 - i. **Former Gibbs College on East Ave:** General discussion on planned development now proceeding.
 - ii. **Elderhouse:** Laurel received a letter from the First Taxing District Commission with an invitation to a presentation of the revised plan for an addition to the existing building. The presentation will take place at the Commission meeting on 1-10-08. Laurel and Nick plan to attend. Marija will be there as a member of the taxing district Parks Committee.
 - iii. **Vets Park meeting:** Laurel provided update on the presentation regarding a potential master plan for the park and on the public's comments.
 - iv. **DiScala property (parcel 3).** Gordon indicates that the lower parcel turns out to be difficult to develop due to long pilings needed near the river. The upper portion is also difficult to develop, due to ledge and the DEP, which will not provide needed funding unless the housing is built within the 500 year flood plain. Options discussed by board.
 - b. Neighborhood Issues/Committees
 - i. **Zoning & Master Plan:** Laurel indicated that the Planning Committee of the Common Council is still reviewing the plan before it goes to the full Council for approval.
 - ii. **Speeding & Traffic:** Erik reports slow progress of traffic calming project/Safe Routes to School. But recent newspaper article mentions the possibility of a traffic light at Tierney and Strawberry Hill Ave. Discussion by the board re our Adopt-a-Spot on the island at that intersection and whether or not it could be saved.
 - iii. **Neighborhood Flooding:** Diane indicated that the budget process was moving along with funding recommended for flooding control.

- c. Mayor's Neighborhood Preservation Committee Report – Laurel Lindstrom
 - i. Met on January 9. Meeting focused on goals for 2008.
- d. CNNA Report – no meeting since last ENNA meeting. Next meeting January 28.
- e. NPT Report – Marija Bryant
 - i. **93 East Avenue.** Judge can ask for another 120 day extension.
 - ii. NPT will meet with Norwalk Historical Commission re: grant for doing an updated historic survey.
 - iii. Changes to the Demo delay ordinance are being reviewed by the Ordinance Committee with input from the NPT. Pros and cons of options discussed by board.
- f. Trees, Landscape & Adopt-A-Spots –Nick Overall
 - i. East side of East Ave. needs street trees.
 - ii. Plan for Calf Pasture Beach Road tree-lined boulevard has been on hold but Peter Viteretto currently working on plan, with help from TAC and ENNA.
- g. Other – Main Street program introduced for discussion by Gordon. Purpose is to preserve and protect economic viability of old-time main streets. Wall Street would be perfect. March conference in Philadelphia.

Board Only (some of information included above in item #6 may have been discussed during 'board only' part of meeting)

- 7. Other Business – none
- 8. Next regular board meeting: February 13, 2008
- 9. Meeting adjourned at 9:54 PM

Submitted by Laurel Lindstrom