

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

February 14, 2007

Minutes

Board Member Attendees: Laurel Lindstrom (president), David Park,

Board Members Absent: Diane Cece, Sarah Hunter, Gordon Tully, Erik Nees, Maribeth Becker,

Advisory Board Member Attendees: Nick Overall

Others Attendees: none

1. Meeting called to order at 7:40 PM.
2. Public Participation – none at this time
3. Minutes
 - a. November 8, 2006 Minutes accepted.
 - b. January 10, 2007 Minutes tabled
4. President's Report – Laurel Lindstrom
 - a. Informed those present that she had encouraged members who had planned to attend tonight's meeting not to risk their safety driving on the snow and ice covered roads that resulted from today's storm.
 - b. Treasury report – Presented itemized report for month ending January 31.
5. Regular Business:
 - a. Watch List Properties
 - i. **73 Strawberry Hill Ave. (old Fitch School):** No news
 - ii. **93 East Avenue:** No report
 - iii. **Veterans Park:** Discussion of ENNA meeting with Mike Mocciae and Fred Bondi on Jan. 31 re plans for mini-golf and batting cages in Veterans Park (see separate minutes of that meeting posted on ENNA website). Laurel Lindstrom has had additional contact with Fred Bondi and Mike Mocciae in an attempt to get them to agree to include the public in the process of deciding how the parks develop and get used. Nick Overall is planning to meet with Mike Mocciae later this month to discuss the placement of the planned improvements in the park and looking to improve the connections. Laurel continues to have phone and email contact with Vantage Point Condo and Harborview Condo residents with concerns about the plans.
 - b. Neighborhood Issues/Committees
 - i. **Zoning & Master Plan:** Laurel Lindstrom indicated that the Westport Ave. & Main Ave. consultant (Phillips Preiss Shapiro Associates) has not gotten back to the advisory committee (on which Laurel sits) with information yet. Chan Krieger & Associates, who are drafting the city-wide master plan will soon present to the Planning Commission. Public hearings will follow.
 - ii. **Speeding & Traffic:** David Park reports that, according to Hal Alvord, the Traffic Calming/Safe Routes to School project has not moved any further ahead because Hal has been busy working on flooding.
 - iii. **Neighborhood Flooding:** no report in Diane Cece's absence
 - iv. **Neighborhood Cleanups:** Laurel discussed the citywide 'Keep America Beautiful' cleanup days scheduled for April 21 and April 28. After discussion it was decided that the

ENNA would schedule a 'Neighborhood Cleanup' in the vicinity of City Hall for April 21, and a 'Shoreline Cleanup' in the vicinity of Veterans Park for April 28 (tentative depending on the plans of the Norwalk River Watershed Association who had been in touch with Laurel re partnering with the ENNA in a shoreline cleanup).

- c. Mayor's Neighborhood Preservation Committee Report – Laurel Lindstrom
 - i. There was a presentation by 'Keep America Beautiful' representatives. (See minutes from MNPC meeting posted on ENNA website)
 - d. CNNA Report – Laurel Lindstrom
 - i. POKO Partners presented their plan for Wall Street (west of the Norwalk River).
 - ii. Connecticut Friends School (Quaker school) presented plan for school on the White Barn property site.
 - iii. Laurel is part of a Development Committee that recently formed and met on February 3.
 - e. NPT Report – no report in Marija Bryant's absence
 - f. Trees, Landscape & Adopt-A-Spots – Nick Overall
 - i. Report included under Veterans Park item
- 6. Other Business**
- a. Sound barriers along I-95.
 - i. Laurel Lindstrom submitted a letter in support of sound barriers on both sides of I-95 from East Ave. to Strawberry Hill Ave. after being contacted by Bob Duff re a bill that just went to public hearing before the joint Transportation Committee in Hartford. A similar bill two years ago, that Laurel submitted an ENNA letter of support for, wasn't passed.
 - ii. David Park stated that he had been in touch with Bob Duff to say that sound barriers are needed on the south side of I-95, east of Strawberry Hill Ave. to the Norden property. Laurel said that if the bill didn't pass and came up again she would add that section of I-95 to her next letter in support of the barriers.
- 7. Next regular board meeting: Wednesday March 14, 2007.**
- 8. Meeting adjourned at 9:20 PM**

Submitted by Laurel Lindstrom