

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

**April 8, 2009
Minutes**

Board Member Attendees: Diane Cece, Laurel Lindstrom (president)

Board Members Absent: Art Santella, Nick Overall, Marija Bryant, Zvi Cole

Advisory Board Member Attendees:

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Others: Ed Holowinko, Beth Siegelbaum, Tom Weymss

Author: Diane Cece

1. Meeting called to order at 7:35 PM

2. Public Participation: Ed Holowinko and Beth Seigelbaum spoke to the issue of the Strawberry Hill RR Bridge being hit by trucks all the time. Discussed installation of bright orange paint alerts, flashing lights, and/or height bar that spans the road in either direction (similar to car wash height bars).

a) none at this time

3. Regular Business:

a) Watch List Properties

i) **Former Fitch School Property on Strawberry Hill Ave.:** Foreclosure sale postponed (unknown reason) – discussion re: permitted uses and uses that would be accepted by neighborhood. Owner has option of paying taxes up to March 24. **(UPDATE: City Lien placed on 3-25-09). Diane to follow up with tax assessor and/or owner for current disposition.**

ii) **10 Goldstein:** Zoning Commission hearing held. Approved “with conditions”. **Laurel will follow up to review list of conditions and ensure ENNA requests were incorporated.**

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. Perhaps use new policy. Diane reported via prior emails that Environmental Justice regulations do not apply to this project. Laurel and Diane discussed the April 7th public works committee meeting where additional engineering funds have been allocated to the project, despite majority opposition to it. **Laurel will schedule Principle Engineer Dick Linnartz and/or traffic engineer to make a presentation at May meeting regarding the project plans, the benefits, the traffic analysis study.**

iv) **23 Platt Street:** No new information. No new meetings or public hearing scheduled yet.

v) **201 Liberty Square/Officers Club:** Diane will contact Board with next steps & volunteers for petition signatures. **Diane to meet with Sgt. Velez 4/13/09 to review police incident reports. Board needs to decide on or before our 5-13-09 meeting as to canceling our objection, attending the hearing, or requesting mediation with establishment owner.**

vi) **124 East Avenue: attach Zvi update**

b) Neighborhood Issues/Committees

i) **Roads and Walkways Traffic Calming, speed prevention and alternative transportation:** Review of ongoing issues.

ii) **Flooding:** Olmstead-Fitch piping complete. Pond is dredged but awaiting landscaping sometime in April or May. Olmstead resident yards to be reseeded and repaired starting April 20th.

iii) **Crime:** Discussion of increased crime. Talked about recent break-ins off East Ave and car thefts. Board should consider hosting another East Norwalk Crime Forum, with a new agenda and focus on serious crimes, especially given economic conditions & police prediction of increased larceny crimes.

iv) **Historic Preservation:** Marija Bryant absent. No report submitted. See 124 East under watch list.

v) **Trees:** ENNA Tree Liaison Nick Overall taped a PSA for Cablevision.

c) **Mayor' Neighborhood Preservation Committee Report:** Reminder for Keep Norwalk Beautiful Day 4-25-09. City has agreed to open yard waste site 2 Saturdays per month for April-June. Fire Marshall Glenn Iannacconne asks all East Norwalkers to comply with house number regulations. MNPC Minutes are posted online at www.norwalkct.org

d) Newsletter: No activity. Resident Tom Weymss reported via prior email that intern support from Katharine Gibbs School would be limited or unavailable as school as slated to close. Provided contact information for NCC/

Board: Tentative 2010/2011 Capital Budget Master Plan Priorities:

Traffic Management and Calming

Veterans Memorial Park Master Plan

Infrastructure Upgrades, Maintenance, & Repairs: roads, curbs, sidewalks, storm water, traffic lights, etc.

Other: Next meeting: Board to review balance of 2009 meeting calendar to identify potential scheduling conflicts such as holidays, religious events, municipal meetings, etc.