

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

**April 9, 2008  
Minutes**

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

**Board Members Absent:** Sarah Hunter, Nick Overall

**Advisory Board Member Attendees:**

**Advisory Board Member Absent:** Marija Bryant

**Others:** Xenophon (Photie) Kleftogiannis (Fort Point Street resident), John Deacy and Jennifer Gormley (Lorena Street residents)

1. Meeting called to order at 7:40 PM
2. Public Participation – none at this time
3. Regular Business:
  - a. Watch List Properties
    - i. **23 Platt Street:** Laurel presented information regarding this site that was formerly the Norwalk Barrel Company. Current construction activity for new condos and potential contamination from buried barrels has brought DEP review. Laurel has been in contact with neighbors and League of Women Voters of Norwalk president Diane Lauricella to arrange with the DEP for a public informational meeting and a public hearing. Dates to be determined.
    - ii. **Westport Ave:** Staples site has new owner who has recently purchased other sites on Westport Ave. Discussion re pros and cons of various types of development. Gordon offered his architectural knowledge.
    - iii. **Wall Street (Parcel 3 – Discala property):** No new activity.
    - iv. **Former Fitch School property:** up for sale. No new activity. Watch for dumping.
    - v. **Marshall's Plaza on Westport Ave. DiScala property.** Diane attended Plan Review of the Zoning Commission on March 13. For public hearing this month.
    - vi. **198 and 200 East Avenue:** no activity at present.
  - b. Neighborhood Issues/Committees
    - i. **Zoning & Master Plan:** Laurel indicated that the Council approved the changes made by the Planning Committee of the Common Council and the Master Plan has now been sent back to the Planning Commission to review changes. Issue of how to deal with sites that have possible zoning violations was discussed – specifically parking on lawns in the front yard. Planning and Zoning department has complaint forms to fill out that might no longer be able to be submitted anonymously. Laurel, as representative for residents on the Council, can check out the site and submit a complaint without naming the resident.
    - ii. **Speeding & Traffic:** No new information.
    - iii. **Neighborhood Flooding:** Capital budget approved at April 8 Council meeting.
    - iv. **Crime:** ENNA forum with NPD to be arranged tentatively for late spring/early summer. Discussion focused on recent tire slashing and also best approaches for dealing with houses in the neighborhood where suspicious activity occurs.

- c. Mayor's Neighborhood Preservation Committee Report – Laurel Lindstrom
  - i. Met on April 2. Further discussion of plans for Keep Norwalk Beautiful 2008. April 12, 9 AM to 12 Noon, starting at City Hall for the ENNA Spring Cleanup. Diane mentioned that the city will decrease the daily garbage pickup to Monday through Friday along East Avenue, Wall Street and Main Street in the ENNA area. We need to be alert to problems that may result from this change. At April 2 meeting Laurel brought up concern of resident about litter and broken tree branches on St. John Street at Rite Aid.
- d. CNNA Report – Diane Cece
  - i. Priorities for 08 – 09 are being discussed
- e. NPT Report – Marija Bryant absent – no report
- f. Trees, Landscape & Adopt-A-Spots –Nick Overall absent – no report
- g. Newsletter for Spring/Summer – ideas and article submissions needed

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

- 4. Minutes
  - a. March minutes tabled until next meeting.
- 5. President's Report – Laurel Lindstrom
  - a. Sarah Hunter has had job-related timing conflicts so continues unable to attend ENNA meetings but she remains committed to our goals. She will stay on as a board member and secretary.
- 6. Treasurer's report – Diane Cece. Presented itemized report for month ending March 31.
- 7. Other Business
  - a. Discussion re website hosting options
- 8. Next regular board meeting: May 14, 2008
- 9. Meeting adjourned at 9:30 PM

Submitted by Laurel Lindstrom