

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

**June 14, 2006  
Minutes**

**Board Member Attendees:** Laurel Lindstrom (president), Maribeth Becker, Gordon Tully (arrives 8:10), Marija Bryant, Wendy Pardue

**Street Reps and advisory board members:** David Park (Strawberry Hill Avenue); Nick Overall (Tree Liaison)

**Guests:** Zackery Palumbo (resident)

1. Meeting called to order at 7:30 PM.
2. Public Participation – Issue is raised about speeding and traffic on Strawberry Hill Avenue. Complaints have been made to the police department but there has not been an adequate response. Second set of slowdown days start on June 19<sup>th</sup> or June 26<sup>th</sup> ; ENNA will continue to focus on Strawberry Hill Avenue as a critical area for traffic calming. Suggestion is made to include random speed traps.
3. Minutes
  - a. Tabled to next meeting.
4. New board member, David Park, is voted onto the board by unanimous voice vote.
5. Reports
  - a. Treasurer’s Report – Gordon Tully
    - i. No change.
  - b. President’s Report – Laurel Lindstrom
    - i. A goals meeting was held on June 7<sup>th</sup> to discuss direction and focus for ENNA moving forward.
    - ii. Liberty Square task force meeting was held May 17<sup>th</sup>.
6. Committee Reports
  - a. Mayor’s Neighborhood Preservation Committee – Laurel Lindstrom
    - i. Lea Manor/ Fitch School: Discussion of holding owners accountable for cleaning up and securing the building while they await approvals for the development plan. David Park has contacted Customer Service about the squalid conditions. Laurel has been in touch with Bob Duff and the press and has requested that the owners secure the building properly to prevent vandalism.
    - ii. Laurel mentions that litter is accumulating in the area around the Domino’s pizza in Liberty Square.
    - iii. Parking issues at Veteran’s Park. Now that parking commercial vehicles in the Park is illegal, buses bringing groups to the Maritime Center are parking on Seaview Avenue.
    - iv. Laurel brought up neighbors concerns about loud noise in the middle of the night associated with grinding old paint off the street in the vicinity of Tierney and Strawberry Hill Avenue. The City contracts out to a company that removes and repaints crosswalks; Hal Alvord to speak with the company about doing the grinding earlier in the evening.
  - b. CNNA – Maribeth Becker
    - i. Ernst defines presented the “know your neighbors” about the Rowayton Civic Association.
    - ii. Membership survey draft will be edited based on comments.

- iii. D zone changes as presented by Mike Greene (shared driveways for new development) were not favorably received by neighbors; comment that neighbors saw this as launched by and benefiting only the developers.
- iv. Zoning Task Force progress reports.
- c. NPT – Marija Bryant
  - i. Historical Commission will present the case for a temporary demolition moratorium to the Ordinance Committee at their next meeting, June 20<sup>th</sup>.
- d. Tree Liaison Report – Nick Overall.
  - i. Current focus is on street trees in areas that are lacking them. Goal is to provide shade and better ambiance.
  - ii. Nick will write letter to new owner of 124 East Avenue about the Copper Beech and stress the significance of a tree of that size, age, and type to the streetscape.
- e. Newsletter Report – Sarah Hunter
  - i. No report in Sarah’s absence.

**7. Programs and Projects:**

- a. Watch List
  - i. Gordon is working with Mike Green to provide suggestions for design of the development at Lea Manor/Fitch School. Plan calls for 31 townhouse units.
  - ii. Norden Properties. Conservation Commission denied “without prejudice”/ Spinnaker will need to resubmit a new design that is more in line with conservation requirements and the wetlands environment on the property. Spinnaker is appealing the decision.
- b. Liberty Square Neighborhood Center Improvement Project
  - i. Mike Moore of NRA has requested an update to the ENNA proposal to explain the specific actions we plan to take.
  - ii. Apparently, what HUD wants to see is that the money goes for a specific plan for quantifiable improvements. Objective is to present the plan and then get funding from HUD or the City’s capital budget to make the improvements.
  - iii. Question is raised whether this is what HUD always requires or is it how NRA is interpreting the HUD requests. A suggestion is made to get additional information on precedent from cities with more experience implementing HUD programs.
  - iv. How to engage the Liberty Square property owners? A suggestion is to have an event to present examples, value of historic designations, etc. Good idea but no one has the time to put the event together.  
ACTION: Laurel and Diane will set up a meeting with Keith Brown to “fact find” – what is “on the radar” for Liberty Square. Marija will attend to discuss the listing on the National Register of Historic Places.

**8. New business – None**

**9. Next regular board meeting: Wednesday July 12, 2006.**

**10. Meeting adjourned at 9:30 PM.**

Respectfully submitted, Marija Bryant.