

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

July 11, 2007

Minutes

Board Member Attendees: Laurel Lindstrom (president), Maribeth Becker, Diane Cece, Erik Nees

Board Members Absent: Gordon Tully, Sarah Hunter

Advisory Board Member Absent: Nick Overall, Marija Bryant

Others: Arthur Santella, David Park

1. Meeting called to order at 7:35 PM
2. Public Participation – none at this time
3. Minutes
 - a. Tabled approval of May and June minutes until next meeting.
4. President's Report – Laurel Lindstrom
 - a. Issue of ENNA Street Rep program came up. Laurel indicated that the program is not active because there are no Street Reps at this time, and that the program has been defunct for some time now.
5. Treasurer's report – Diane Cece. Presented itemized report for month ending June 30.
6. Regular Business:
 - a. Watch List Properties
 - i. **73 Strawberry Hill Ave. (old Fitch School):** Laurel provided update on proposed residential development. Zoning committee reviewed plan on June 14. Further review scheduled for July 12, with a public hearing set for August 15. Before the board can vote on a position we'll need current feedback from residents. Plan is for Laurel to get a letter/flier to residents asking for input prior to our voting on a position. Laurel drafted a position statement that the board reviewed earlier this year that can be reviewed at our next meeting.
 - ii. **93 East Avenue:** Currently no news
 - iii. **Veterans Park:** Board was updated on efforts to address the problem of buses parking at Vets Park. Save Vets Park Association members are active in park issues and are in contact with Laurel on issues as they arise.
 - iv. **1 Gregory Blvd:** Laurel is in contact with Ron Kellogg who represents the owner. He has provided Laurel with a copy of the site plan for the 5-unit condo development that has been submitted to the Zoning Commission. Gordon Tully has also reviewed the plan and has concerns as to whether it would comply with building codes related to handicap accessibility. Plan Review Committee of the Zoning Commission will review plan at its meeting on July 12. Laurel will attend meeting and continue to follow.
 - v. **198 and 200 East Avenue:** Renovation work continues – with recent removal of siding. Maribeth is following.
 - vi. **Lower East Avenue:** Laurel has been in contact with Hal Alvord. The design work has not begun yet because DiCesar's contract has not been executed. A public informational meeting is planned for September. Dick Linnartz of Public Works is making the arrangements, including inviting a DOT rep.

- b. Neighborhood Issues/Committees
 - i. **Zoning & Master Plan:** Laurel presented the board's recommendations to the Planning Commission at the May 30 public hearing on the Plan of Conservation and Development. Our recommendations are posted on our website.
 - ii. **Speeding & Traffic:** Erik Nees talked about the most recent 'Slow Down Days' that had just taken place.
 - iii. **Neighborhood Flooding:** Diane Cece informed us about a special Public Works Committee meeting that took place on July 9 to place approval of drainage-related funding on the Common Council agenda on July 10. At this time it is unclear why the funding was allocated as it was. The Storm Water Authority legislation was signed by Gov. Rell so it is now official. Subcommittees of the Flood group are working on several issues. Laurel was contacted by Chris Perone about having a meeting for the ENNA with reps from DOT and DEP, to be held on July 17. Contact with area residents affected by flooding indicates that the meeting may be better attended if scheduled after the summer. Laurel will communicate this to Chris. Further discussion by the board on FEMA and April 15 flood damage coverage.
- c. Mayor's Neighborhood Preservation Committee Report – Laurel Lindstrom
 - i. Met on July 11. Customer Service gave an update. No guest presenters. Time provided for neighborhood association reps to present issues
 - ii. Laurel presented issue of the appearance of gateways such as Exit 16 that need to involve improved maintenance by the DOT, Public Works and the sponsors of the Adopt-a-Spots (Stew's, Rotary Club and St. Ann Club). Stews in maintaining its site. Laurel contacted the Rotary Club. They cleaned the site within a couple of weeks. St. Ann Club responded to say they would clean their site but have not yet followed-through.
- d. CNNA Report – Maribeth Becker
 - i. Mike Mocciae, Director of Rec and Parks, will be guest at next meeting – August 13.
- e. NPT Report – no report in Marija Bryant's absence
- f. Trees, Landscape & Adopt-A-Spots – no report in Nick Overall's absence
- g. Other;
 - i. Newsletter – summer newsletter posted on our website on June 21

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

7. Other Business

- a. Watch List
 - i. Calf Pasture Beach Road – plan to plant canopy of large shade trees along its length. ENNA working with Tree Advisory Committee. Condo association to be approached about replacing the dwarf pines to fit with the overall plan. Nick Overall, as our Tree Liaison, will be involved in this project.
- b. Neighborhood Issues/Committees
 - i. Membership – Diane Cece
 - 1. Discussion by board on several options for involving and increasing membership.

8. Next regular board meeting: August 8, 2007

9. Meeting adjourned at 10:00 PM

Submitted by Laurel Lindstrom