

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

**October 11, 2006
Minutes**

Board Member Attendees: Laurel Lindstrom (president), Gordon Tully, Erik Nees, David Park

Advisory board members: Marija Bryant (leaves meeting at 9 PM)

Others: Diane Cece, Donna Rastocky, Tim Monroe

1. Meeting called to order at 7:30 PM.
2. Public Participation – Olmstead Place residents present and will speak later under ‘old Fitch School’ item.
3. Minutes
 - a. August minutes accepted as corrected
 - b. September minutes tabled to next meeting
4. Reports
 - a. Treasurer’s Report – Gordon Tully
 - i. To make arrangements to talk with new treasurer (to be elected)
 - b. President’s Report – Laurel Lindstrom
 - i. Seligson presentation of West Ave. project at next ENNA meeting. Presenting at CNNA meeting on October 16.
 - ii. Received letter from Redevelopment Agency rescinding the Liberty Square grant. Laurel will write letter to Agency explaining what we did and why we were unable to move forward with project.
5. Election of Officers
 - a. Laurel Lindstrom re-elected for another term as President
 - b. Sarah Hunter elected as Recording Secretary
 - c. David Park elected as Treasurer
6. Programs and Projects:
 - a. Watch List
 - i. 93 East Avenue updates: Marija Bryant gives background and history of what NPT has done. Board reviews draft position of ENNA. **Motion:** accept the statement as redrafted: ‘The Eastern Norwalk Neighborhood Association Board of Directors strongly supports saving the historic structure that is within the boundaries of our association, located at 93 East Avenue. We are in favor of the owner, the City of Norwalk and the historic community working together toward restoring the building for creative reuse.’ Motion approved with 3 in favor and one abstention (David Park).
 - ii. Flooding on Olmstead Place and 73 Strawberry Hill Ave. (old Fitch school): Diane Cece and Donna Rastocky (Olmstead Place residents) and Tim Monroe (Woodland Court resident) presented issues with flooding and the development of the old Fitch School property. The Conservation Commission voted to approve the plan; Dick Linnartz of DPW looked at the plan and approved it since it has reduced impervious surfaces and includes methods to handle runoff. Neighbors asking for more information from engineer as well as a post construction audit to make sure that they do what they say. Also they are hoping to talk to the developer to dredge the pond. Gordon Tully questions if pervious

paving has been considered. The issue of the City dredging program/system uncertain. Widespread aspect of flooding throughout Norwalk discussed. Several streets in the ENNA area affected that may all be part of the same watercourse/wetland system. ENNA to continue involvement. December 13 meeting to focus on addressing the flooding issue.

- b. Mayor's Neighborhood Preservation Committee.
 - i. (See minutes from MNPC meeting posted on ENNA website)
 - c. Newsletter.
 - i. Fall newsletter posted on website Oct. 8
 - d. CNNA Report.
 - i. No report in Maribeth Becker's absence
 - f. NPT Report
 - a. Report earlier in agenda under '93 East Ave.' item
 - g. Trees, Landscape, ENNA Adopt-A-Spots
 - a. No report in Nick Overall's absence
7. New business –
- a. Sound barriers along I-95: Diane Cece indicates the need along the I-95 behind Olmstead Place. Further discussion indicates that sound barriers should also be placed north of the I-95 along Beacon Street. Since this is an item that needs to be approved by the State, Laurel will contact Bob Duff regarding ENNA support.
8. Next regular board meeting: Wednesday November. 8, 2006.
9. Meeting adjourned at 9:40 PM.

Submitted by: Laurel Lindstrom