

**CITY OF NORWALK
MAYOR'S NEIGHBORHOOD
PRESERVATION COMMITTEE
OCTOBER 5, 2005**

ATTENDANCE: Mayor Alex Knopp, Chairman; Connie Blair; Anthony Capuano; Fire Marshal Glenn Iannaccone; Michael Moccia; Deputy Police Chief Mark Palmer; Aline Rochefort; Pam Stark; David Shockley; Iliana Navarro.

OTHERS: Laurel Anderson, City Scan; Laurel Lindstrom, Eastern Norwalk Neighborhood Association; Dorothy Romanelli, Harbor Shores; Gail Roy, Broad River; Moravia Langley, Meadow Gardens; Katherine Griffey, Golden Hill Association; Mark Pierce, Wilton Avenue Association; Al Raymond, Spring Hill/Hospital Association.

The meeting was called to order at 10:10 a.m. by the Chairman.

GOLDEN HILL NEIGHBORHOOD ASSOCIATION

NEIGHBORHOOD CENTERS IMPROVEMENT PROGRAM STATUS

Mrs. Griffing said that they are reviewing the applications for the Cedar Street Merchants. She also noted that the picnic and tag sale were well attended.

Mr. Shockley reviewed Michael Moore's summary.

EASTERN NORWALK NEIGHBORHOOD ASSOCIATION

NEIGHBORHOOD CENTERS IMPROVEMENT PROGRAM STATUS

Ms. Lindstrom said they would meet at 7:30 tonight in City Hall. They hope to make Liberty Square property owners aware of this program. There will be another meeting next Wednesday at 8 p.m. followed by another the following Monday.

REVIEW OF THE OCTOBER 1ST HENDRICKS AVENUE CLEANUP

Ms. Lindstrom said that this activity took place on October 1st, with 8 to 10 people participating.

SPEEDING CARS ON STRAWBERRY HILL AVENUE AND LOWER GREGORY BOULEVARD

Ms. Lindstrom said this is an ongoing problem. The Chairman said that at 11:30 a.m. today, he will announce that the City has hired a new Traffic Engineer for long-range traffic management planning and traffic calming.

NOISE ON STRAWBERRY HILL: Ms. Lindstrom said it is generated from traffic at night.

STORM DRAINS ON LUDLOW MANOR: Ms. Lindstrom said there is a flooding problem and she had not heard back from the Customer Service Center. Mr. Shockley will follow up.

INADEQUATE SIDEWALKS (MARVIN SCHOOL): This was referred to Ms. Blair.

DETERIORATION OF LUDLOW SHOPPING CENTER: Ms. Lindstrom said they are not eligible for block grants so they hope to have neighboring shops that are eligible apply for block grants.

TRAFFIC LIGHT AT NORDEN: Ms. Lindstrom said that the timing was causing backups and cars cutting through other streets. Hopefully this has been looked into.

VISIBILITY ON MYRTLE STREET: Ms. Lindstrom said this relates to vehicles parked on Strawberry Hill. Deputy Chief Palmer said there are no parking restrictions on this street beyond parking 25' from the intersection. He will look into this.

SPEEDING ON LUDLOW PARK AND LOWER GREGORY BOULEVARD: Deputy Chief Palmer said that the police are in that area regularly. Ms. Lindstrom suggested that the crosswalk be marked in a better way. Deputy Chief Palmer will look into a signage upgrade.

SIGHT-LINE ISSUE RELATED TO PARKING AT PARTNERS' CAFÉ: Deputy Chief Palmer said this is an ongoing issue that is being looked at.

BUSINESS SIGN ON WILLIAM STREET: Ms. Rochefort said there is a legal day care on this street with allowable signage.

HARBOR SHORES NEIGHBORHOOD ASSOCIATION

PROGRESS AT WOODWARD PARK

Mrs. Romanelli said that the tennis court work was done on time. They are waiting for the playground equipment.

PROGRESS OF PARKING ISSUES AT WOODWARD PARK

Mrs. Romanelli said their biggest concern is the parking on the sidewalk and the crosswalk. Mr. Shockley has talked to Mr. Mauro about installing signage.

Mrs. Romanelli asked for trash containers in the park. The Chairman said they are looking at the issue of trash containers around the City.

MEADOW STREET

PROGRESS AT MEADOW STREET PARK

Ms. Langley said great progress has been made. There is still a lot of speeding on this street. Deputy Chief Palmer said enforcement will take place on the corner of Meadow Street and Meadow Gardens.

Ms. Langley asked the police to come by the park more often and address people hanging out after the park has closed; Deputy Chief Palmer agreed to do so.

BROAD RIVER NEIGHBORHOOD ASSOCIATION

STATUS OF PERMIT REQUIREMENTS FOR WENDY'S RESTAURANT AND NEIGHBORING BUSINESSES TO HAVE FENCING OR SCREENING TO BLOCK NOISE, HEADLIGHTS AND ACTIVITIES FROM THE RESIDENTIAL AREAS ON PONUS AVENUE

Ms. Roy said they have a problem on Bartlett Avenue with motor vehicles all hours of the night. There is poor visibility from Harris Street onto Silvermine Avenue, with cars parked too close to the corner. Parking at Diamond Deli has improved but still takes place. They are still having trouble with trash at the Dunbar Field parking lot. Deputy Chief Palmer said there have not been recent complaints about the Wendy's situation. They do, however, continue to patrol the area. They are trying to address speeding by targeting sections of town. Harris Street is lightly traveled. Regarding the buffer zone at Wendy's, Mr. Shockley said that he and Mrs. Straniti had investigated but found nothing in terms of a buffer requirement. The next step is to ask the management about a buffer zone (a fence or a tree to shield lights from the neighbors.)

The Chairman said that he and Mr. Shockley met with the DOT last week regarding Rt. 123. They will do brush cutting and trimming on the side of the hill. The DOT wants the walkway bypassed. The Chairman said that the dugout needs to be cleaned out. Mr. Mocciae said that has been done. The DOT work will be done by mid-October.

WEST MAIN STREET

Ms. Bryan said there is trouble at the end of West Main Street and Catherine Street. The bus cannot get down the street because of two cars that are parked there. Deputy Chief Palmer will follow up on these illegally parked cars with the following license plates: 297-DAM, 391-RCG. The owner of the second car has moved, but the car remains.

Ms. Bryan inquired about a cleanup. Mr. Shockley said that Ms. Abraham would prefer it take place in the spring.

Ms. Bryan said a man cut down his bushes but did not remove the trimmings. Ms. Navarro told her to call her with the address and they will follow up.

SPRING HILL/HOSPITAL AREA NEIGHBORHOOD ASSOCIATION

NEIGHBORHOOD CENTERS IMPROVEMENT PROGRAM STATUS

Mr. Raymond said that Ms. Paladino is working on this.

OCTOBER 22, COMMUNITY INVOLVED NEIGHBORHOOD CLEANUP PLANNED

Mr. Raymond said he and Mr. Shockley had reduced the area of the cleanup. He asked that a police officer be present on Stuart Avenue; Deputy Chief Palmer agreed to do so.

The Chairman spoke of the parking situation at Jefferson School. The principal is very pleased with the changes that were made.

WILTON AVENUE

REVIEW OF 9/17 NEIGHBORHOOD CLEANUP

Mr. Pierce said that the cleanup went very well. The First Taxing District and Public Works did a terrific job. Mr. Shockley said 10-1/2 tons of debris was carted off.

Mr. Pierce said that a three-way stop on Wilton Avenue/Horton Street should be on the agenda of the new traffic engineer. They hope to have this done by June. It was noted by the Chairman and Mr. Pierce that this has not yet come before the Traffic Authority.

CITY SCAN UPDATE

Ms. Anderson said that she and Mr. Shockley have worked with Briggs High School students for the past three weeks. They have 20 students, more than ever. They are starting with neighborhoods this Thursday. Neighborhood groups with issues should contact Mr. Shockley.

Ms. Anderson said that the Starbucks Foundation did not give them an opportunity to submit a full application. They will keep trying and obtain other funding to expand.

GRAFFITI REMOVAL UPDATE

Mr. Shockley said they are doing quite well. They will have the AIC program supervised by Daniel Bazzell, who has done a terrific job in removing graffiti. People should contact Customer Service to report graffiti. AIC has received a \$300 donation from the Chamber of Commerce for supplies.

NEW BUSINESS

Fire Marshal Iannaccone spoke of the Fire Department, which has a one and two family home smoke detector giveaway program. In addition, this Sunday, they will hold an Open House at Volk Station from 12:00 to 4 p.m.

Mr. Capuano said that the owner of 1Aiken Street/3 Hudson Street has been arrested and is going to court.

Mr. Capuano said that the owner of Theodore's has a court date tomorrow.

Mrs. Griffing asked about flags on City property. The American flag in Thomas C. O'Connor Park is missing. Mr. Mocciaie will contact the District.

REVIEW AND APPROVAL OF APRIL 13, 2005 MINUTES, JULY 6, 2005 MINUTES & SEPTEMBER 7, 2005 MINUTES

The following correction was made to the minutes of April 13, 2005: On page 5, 6th paragraph, last sentence, "Ms. Rochefort" was corrected to "the Tax Assessor's Office".

- ** DEPUTY CHIEF PALMER MOVED TO APPROVE THE MINUTES OF JULY 6, 2005 AND SEPTEMBER 7, 2005 AS DISTRIBUTED AND THE MINUTES OF APRIL 13, 2005 AS CORRECTED.**
- ** MOTION PASSED UNANIMOUSLY.**

ADJOURNMENT

The meeting was adjourned at 11:15 a.m.

Respectfully submitted,

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