

**CITY OF NORWALK  
MAYOR'S NEIGHBORHOOD  
PRESERVATION COMMITTEE  
DECEMBER 7, 2005**

**ATTENDANCE:** David Shockley, Chairman; Mayor Richard Moccia; Hal Alvord; Connie Blair; Marilyn Maitland; Fire Marshal Glenn Iannaccone; Fred Eshraghi; Michael Moccia; Michael Wrinn; Christine Abraham; Laurel Lindstrom; Dorothy Romanelli; John Romanelli; Nancy Whitmore; Jack Orchulli; Don Nelson; Mark Pierce.

The meeting was called to order at 11:30 a.m. by the Chairman, who welcomed Mayor Moccia.

**REVIEW AND APPROVE NOVEMBER 2, 2005 MINUTES**

The following corrections were made: On page 6, under "New Business", "Mr. Clark encouraged everyone to put the police dept. phone number on their cell phones 854-3000. This line does not have caller ID by design, so callers can remain anonymous if they wish" was added. In addition, minutes were submitted by Ms. Lindstrom with various changes/heading additions, deletions, etc.

- \*\* MS. LINDSTROM MOVED TO APPROVE THE MINUTES AS CORRECTED.**
- \*\* MRS. ROMANELLI SECONDED.**
- \*\* MOTION PASSED WITH ONE ABSTENTION (FIRE MARSHAL IANNACONE).**

**GOLDEN HILL ASSOCIATION**

Mr. Clark said they are preparing for their next major neighborhood cleanup, headed up by David Rich. They will try to better focus volunteer efforts.

The Chairman said that Mr. Alvord has informed him that there is funding for spring and fall cleanups.

Mr. Clark said that he and Mr. Rich have met with the group putting in Walgreens on the corner of West Avenue and have schematics. They are putting together a flyer for the immediately-affected residents. Mr. Clark asked if there were any plans to widen West Avenue. Mr. Alvord said there are no plans within the City; he will have to check the development plan. Mayor Moccia said that, regarding development on the Maritime model plan, there are plans to change traffic patterns.

Mr. Clark said that residents will paint the fire hydrants.

Mr. Alvord said he would discourage volunteers from hopping on City trucks (during cleanups) because of liability issues.

Mr. Alvord said that they have identified 11 locations on Elmwood Avenue for tree plantings.

### **EASTERN NORWALK NEIGHBORHOOD ASSOCIATION**

#### **SPEEDING CARS ON STRAWBERRY HILL AVENUE AND LOWER GREGORY BOULEVARD**

Mr. Eshraghi said no action has been taken. There needs to be a study, which is pending. Counting cannot be done in the winter.

Ms. Lindstrom spoke of the importance of this being done, given the fact that there are so many schools on Strawberry Hill Avenue.

Regarding Norden, Ms. Lindstrom spoke of the development plan to have a traffic signal at Beacon and Strawberry Hill. Mr. Alvord said that is an additional signal.

#### **VISIBILITY ON MYRTLE STREET**

Mr. Eshraghi said that the traffic study was done. They are sending a letter to the resident who has to cut his bushes. If it is not cut by the resident within two weeks, Public Works will do it and charge the resident.

#### **GRANT FUNDING REQUESTED FOR SAFE CYCLING NEEDS**

The Chairman said this will be addressed when a grants writer comes on board. Mayor Moccia said that the grants coordinator position will go to the Personnel Committee in January, so someone will start in February or March.

Regarding the trailer on Andrews Field, Mayor Moccia said that an agreement is being drawn up by Corporation Counsel. Mr. Seligson has a location on Connecticut Avenue to which these trailers will be moved. They may have to be trailered on flatbeds.

Ms. Lindstrom inquired about illegal activities at Mermaids. Chief Rilling said they inspect this site on a regular basis and make arrests or refer to the Liquor Control Commission.

Ms. Lindstrom distributed "Know Your Town" pamphlets for corrections/additions.

## **HARBOR SHORES NEIGHBORHOOD ASSOCIATION**

Mrs. Romanelli thanked those responsible for the playground completion.

### **REQUEST FOR REVIEW OF PARKING ISSUES AND PARKING DIRECTIONAL SIGNS AT WOODWARD PARK**

Mr. Eshraghi said they have drawn up and reviewed a plan. Mrs. Romanelli said they will work with sports teams in the spring. Mr. Mocciaie said this is difficult. He will meet with Mr. Eshraghi on the parking issue. Mr. Eshraghi spoke of the need for enforcement of parking regulations at Woodward Park.

Mrs. Romanelli spoke of the storm drain at the end of Yost Street that is higher than the water. This has been sent to Ms. Blair for follow up.

### **MEADOW STREET**

#### **PAINTED CROSSWALK NEEDED AT MEADOW STREET AND WOODWARD PARK**

Ms. Langley spoke of the crosswalk where the children get on the school bus at the corner of Meadow Gardens, next to La Joie's. Pickups take place from 7:20 a.m. to 9 a.m. Chief Rilling will have police officers present to assist with this. The Chairman noted that this is a State road.

Re parking of abandoned cars, Ms. Langley was asked to provide information to the police department on who is dropping the vehicles off. Chief Rilling and Mayor Moccia will then follow up.

#### **MEADOW STREET PARK PROGRESS**

Ms. Langley said that the three pieces of equipment put into the park are a mystery to the children. Mr. Mocciaie said these are low impact pieces of equipment. They are steppers, a ring to climb on.

Ms. Langley congratulated the police department on their patrolling of Meadow Garden.

## **BROAD RIVER NEIGHBORHOOD ASSOCIATION**

There was no one present for discussion.

## **WEST MAIN STREET**

Ms. Abraham echoed the comments made by Ms. Langley regarding police department patrolling. Chief Rilling pointed out that neighborhoods making a statement is what makes it work.

## **SCHOOL BUS EXPERIENCING DIFFICULTIES ENTERING WEST MAIN FROM CATHERINE STREET DUE TO CARS PARKED TOO CLOSE TO THE INTERSECTION**

Chief Rilling will follow up.

Ms. Abraham said that Willie Moorer Park will be taken care of in the spring.

## **SPRING HILL/HOSPITAL AREA NEIGHBORHOOD ASSOCIATION**

In reference to traffic studies, Mr. Eshraghi said he expects to receive the count today. Mr. Raymond questioned the need to only take one count for one day. Mr. Eshraghi said all they require is 24 hours. Stevens Street will take more time.

## **WILTON AVENUE**

### **3-WAY STOP AT INTERSECTION OF HORTON & WILTON AVENUE**

Mr. Eshraghi said hopefully they will met a counter out there shortly. He said they have to look at various issues in order to decide on a 3-way stop.

Mr. Pierce said that there would be a Christmas Tree Lighting at Santaniello Park this Saturday at 6 p.m.

## **CUSTOMER SERVICE**

Ms. Blair said that they are up and running. She would appreciate e-mail addresses to go along with any phone calls into this system. They are training the foreman in highway. Their e-mail is [customerservice@norwalkct.org](mailto:customerservice@norwalkct.org).

At 12:35 p.m., Mayor Moccia left the meeting.

## **CITY SCAN UPDATE**

The Chairman said they continue to go out with Briggs high school students.

### **TREE ALLIANCE**

Mr. Nelson said they are at the end of the planning session for this year. There is an annual City grant allowing 14 trees at the Columbus School Arboretum, which will be dedicated to Rosa Parks.

### **NEW BUSINESS**

Mr. Clark asked how someone finds out if a tree is privately owned or City-owned. Mr. Alvord said this can be ascertained by deeds or surveys, or Ms. Blair can be called at Customer Service. She will put out a request for a property right check.

Discussion took place on fire hydrants. The Police Department or the Fire Department should be called if people are parking in front of fire hydrants. Mr. Clark said everyone in their association has been urged to put 854-3000 on their cell phones in order to call police whenever they see something that should be reported.

Fire Marshal Iannaccone asked people to shovel out hydrants when they are blocked by snow.

### **ADJOURN MEETING**

The meeting was adjourned at 12:45 p.m.

Respectfully submitted,

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