

**CITY OF NORWALK  
MAYOR'S NEIGHBORHOOD PRESERVATIONS COMMITTEE  
REGULAR MEETING  
APRIL 2, 2008**

**ATTENDANCE:** Mayor Richard A. Moccia; David Shockley, Redevelopment; Mark Pierce, Wilton Avenue N.A.; Al Raymond, Spring Hill/Hospital Association; Laurel Lindstrom, ENNA; Lee Bernadino Lowe Street; Christine Abraham, West Main Street N.A.; Marcia Powell, Village Creek Homeowners Association; Katherine Griffing, Golden Hill N.A. ; Maribeth Becker, Wall Street Association; Don Nelson, Tree Alliance; Hal Alvord, Public Works Director; Julie Burton, CNNA; Leigh Grant, NASH; John Lomba, Fire Department; Lindsay McCurran, Planning and Zoning; Adam Carsen, Planning and Zoning; Marilyn Maitland, Health Department;

**STAFF:** Connie Blair, Customer Service

**CALL TO ORDER**

Mr. Shockley called the meeting to order at 10:13 a.m.

**APPROVAL OF THE MINUTES OF THE MARCH 5, 2008 MEETING**

Connie Blair said that the first yard collection will be April 14th followed by another on the 21st. A Bulky Waste Pick Up has been scheduled for those residents Monday collection garbage route.

Ms. Blair said that the next Electronics Recycling Day would be in Bridgeport on April 26th at Discovery Museum, Park Avenue. Mr. Alvord has requested that there be an electronics recycling day in Norwalk.

Mr. Alvord said that on April 28th, there would be a presentation regarding the Tree planting program at the CNNA meeting. Mr. Nelson said that this year's Tree Festival would be at Shady Beach on May 3rd.

Mr. Shockley said that a Girl Scout Troop and the Fairfield University rugby team cleaned up the river shoreline near the Maritime Aquarium and that Fairfield University also sent teams to clean up Calf Pasture and Shady Beach.

The G.E. Corp is looking for a site to clean up on July 12th. Mr. Shockley said that he would be speaking with Mr. Mocciae about the various parks in town. Another clean up by NNHT is scheduled for this coming Sunday at Flax Hill.

Mr. Pierce said that Wilton Avenue will be doing a clean up on the 26th. He also said that there was a complaint about Ash Creek because the railroad ties get pushed up on the sidewalk when plowing is done and need to be moved back into the parking area.

Ms. Lindstrom said that ENNA will be having a clean up on the 12th from 9-12. Everyone will meet at City Hall and then fan out to different areas. There was also a request from a resident on St. John's about the litter, so that will be included in the clean up. Ms. Lindstrom said that last year, she had sent a letter to local residents before the clean up and then a follow up letter after the clean up.

Ms. Lindstrom said that there were some concerns about the paving on Osborne. Mr. Alvord said that Osborne was on the five year plan but he didn't remember the time frame. He added that there was an additional problem with Osborne because a previous contractor had done a very poor job paving.

Mr. Pierce asked about when the paving would start on Wilton Avenue. Mr. Alvord reviewed the issue with Mr. Pierce.

*Mayor Moccia joined the meeting at 10:28 a.m.*

Mr. Pierce said that he had noticed that people threw their garbage over the fence onto Metro North railroad. Mr. Alvord said that Metro North does not allow city employees or private citizens on the property because of liability issues. Metro North sends a crew with a flagman to do the clean up. It was noted that the Metro North website has a contact link and also suggested that this might be a possible way to have the area cleaned up.

Mr. Raymond said that there would be a clean up at the Spring Hill Adopt-A-Spot. He then asked about having a trailer there to bring the trash to the transfer station. Mr. Shockley said that he would follow up and provide the appropriate documentation.

Ms. Bernadino, said that there were still garbage cans in front of one of the houses and another house has a covered car on the front lawn. Mayor Moccia said that the case has been referred to the court system

Ms. Grant said that she had been speaking with a family member who lives in Greenwich. Apparently the Greenwich Police Department has a liaison with the various neighborhoods. The Mayor said that there was merit in this idea, but also pointed out that there are twenty-six different neighborhood associations. Currently, Lt. Resnick handles Public Relations but the Mayor said that he had discussed this idea with Police Chief Rilling about more community outreach.

Ms. Grant asked about the Silvermine Bridge would be opened. Mr. Alvord said that there is still some drainage work, curbing and one final layer of asphalt to be put on the roadway before it can be opened. He added that Ms. Grant had a plaque that she wished to have placed and that there might be a ribbon cutting.

Ms. Grant asked about Mary Austin flooding. Mr. Alvord said that the funding would not be available until July 1st. He said that there were three small projects, including Mary Austin and one on Noah's Lane that would most likely be handled by one

contractor. The Mayor added that as far as he knew the Capital Budget was intact and the funding would be there.

There was a brief discussion about the fact that April was Jazz Month and the Mayor said that Mr. Clark had been instrumental in scheduling an event in the Community Room for jazz music. The Mayor also added that in the BET meeting on the budget, Mr. Clark had been passionate about adding another zoning officer to the City staff.

Ms. Abraham said that there had been a break through with the new developer and that she was not sure about what the developer's intention was regarding Summer Street. She said that the developer was going to bring two dumpsters to the area.

Ms. Becker said that the Wall Street N.A. was working on scheduling a clean up date and that there would be a Wall Street Festival on June 7th. Mr. Alvord said that when the Neighborhood Association firms up the area for Wall Street group to let him know so that it can be added to the map. Mr. Alvord said that only about half the area of Norwalk had neighborhood associations. Mr. Pierce asked when the map would be displayed. Mr. Alvord said that when the information is entered into the GIS, DPW would be able to print them off accurately.

Ms. Bernadino asked about the progress on Fodor Farm. Mr. Alvord said that the brush has been cleared and that the grant has been approved. Ms. Becker said that on April 15th applications will be accepted for garden plots.

Mayor Moccia said that he would like to express his thanks for all the support that various people gave during the recent police tragedy. He mentioned that the fire fighters and EMS had remained on the scene to render assistance far beyond what was expected. Many of the neighboring towns provided assistance also.

Then Mayor Moccia said he had the opportunity to visit Blueback Project in West Hartford, which Mr. Segilson had been developing. He reminded everyone that as these projects move forward that there would be discussions about financing, but that the City has protection against default. The Mayor said that he will be appointing bankers, finance people and lawyers watching over the project to protect Norwalk's interest.

Energy conservation is important and the Mayor said that the City is working on saving energy. This includes joining the EPA Commission. He added that it is important to educate the residents on recycling. The more of the bottles and cans in the blue bins rather than the regular garbage, the better off the City will be.

### **ADJOURNMENT**

Mr. Shockley adjourned the meeting at 11:00 a.m.

Respectfully submitted,

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