

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

**October 12, 2005
Minutes**

Board Member Attendees: Laurel Lindstrom (president), Erik Nees, Marija Bryant, Wendye Pardue, Maribeth Becker, Gordon Tully, Sarah Hunter

Other guests: James Stuart, David Park

Meeting called to order at 7:34 PM.

1. Public Participation – Concern expressed over the condition of Beacon Street in terms of litter. Recommendation to consider it for a Spring cleanup.
2. Minutes – September minutes handed out to board members with request to respond to the secretary with any comments or corrections.
3. Reports:
 - a. Treasurer’s Report – Gordon Tully
 - i. Treasurer reports that ENNA will need to file with IRS on any year that the organization’s income exceeds \$25,000. Gordon Tully is settling the books but would like guidance from other nonprofits. Marija suggests talking to Frank DeMilo, a CPA and the treasurer for Norwalk Preservation Trust.
 - b. President’s Report – Laurel Lindstrom
 - i. Through unanimous vote the board voted electronically on September 16 to approve the association name change to Eastern Norwalk Neighborhood Association.
 - ii. ProBono attorney submitted extensive response on September 29 to IRS inquiry regarding our 501c3 application. Laurel Lindstrom circulated submission packet at meeting.
 - iii. See attached president’s report for details.
 - c. CNNA report – Maribeth Becker
 - i. CNNA board planning to meet with Mike Greene of Planning and Zoning to discuss Stuart Avenue and other zoning issues.
 - ii. Coordinating with other groups to examine what is possible to improve the zoning for greater sensitivity to the neighborhood concerns,
 - d. Tree Liaison – Nick Overall
 - i. No report
4. Nomination of Officers
 - a. Marija Bryant nominates Laurel Lindstrom for president; Maribeth Becker seconds. Approved by unanimous vote.
 - b. Maribeth Becker nominates Marija Bryant for secretary; Gordon Tully seconds, Approved by unanimous vote.
 - c. Wendye Pardue nominates Gordon Tully for Treasurer; Erik Nees seconds, Approved by unanimous vote
5. Programs and Projects:
 - a. Liberty Square Neighborhood Center Improvement Project
 - i. Questions arise about applying for the grant. Discussion follows and it is determined that applying for the CDBG funding will provide funds for analysis of most important improvement needs.
 - ii. ACTION: Nick Overall and Gordon Tully will meet to coordinate the drawing of site plans for Liberty Square to include as part of the application for the grant. Marija Bryant will research historical maps and photos at the Norwalk Museum.

- iii. Noted is the fact that there is already some redevelopment planned for the area by a private developer. ENNA needs to maintain a dialogue with the developer to ensure that plans are in synch.
 - iv. Board discusses various ideas for improving the area such as:
 - 1. better pedestrian access
 - 2. improved parking
 - 3. Improved entrance and exit access (roundabout?)
 - 4. façade improvements
 - 5. boardwalk and improved access to harbor front
 - 6. beautification of Constitution Park (with TTD)
 - 7. improved, wider sidewalks
 - 8. decorative light poles
 - 9. and other ideas to include as possible improvements.
 - v. ACTION: Laurel Lindstrom presents a resolution to move forward with the application for the grant funds (resolution attached). Marija Bryant moves to accept the draft resolution as presented. Resolution is accepted unanimously.
- 6. New Business -- none
 - 7. Next regular board meeting: Wednesday November 9, 2005
 - 8. Meeting adjourned at 9:30 PM.

Respectfully submitted, Marija Bryant, Secretary.