

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

**April 13, 2005
Minutes**

Board Member Attendees: Laurel Lindstrom, Maribeth Becker, Erik Nees, Wendye Pardue, Gordon Tully

1. Meeting called to order 7:35 PM.
2. Public participation: none, as there were no guests.
3. Gordon Tully moved and Erik Nees seconded approval of March minutes as modified, approved unanimously.
4. Maribeth Becker moved and Gordon Tully seconded to elect Wendye Pardue as a member of Board of Directors, approved unanimously. Welcome, Wendye!
5. Posting material on the website.
 - a. Agreed not to post Treasurer's Report.
 - b. Agreed not to post lists of names.
 - c. Need to meet the Mission Statement.
 - d. Hold for later decision on Annual Treasurer's Report
 - e. Gordon Tully moved and Maribeth Becker seconded, approved unanimously, that we post:
 - i. President's Report, including brief summary of the P&P meeting, CNNA, MNPC, Tree Liaison Report, and any other appropriate meetings.
 - ii. Minutes
6. Reports:
 - a. Treasurer's Report – Gordon Tully
 - i. Distributed several printouts from the current books.
 - ii. To contact Tatyana at Pro-Bono Partnership.com and ask:
 1. What records do we need for in-kind donations?
 2. How do we account for them?
 - iii. To contact RSVP and/or Human Services Council to check:
 1. How they deal with mileage.
 - iv. Gordon will bill the Roundabout Workshop.
 - v. A friend of Maribeth's can provide some help if notified in advance.
 - vi. Laurel will submit expenses.
 - b. President's Report – Laurel Lindstrom
 - i. ENNA Projects and Programs meeting report discussion.
 - ii. Mayor's Neighborhood Preservation Committee report discussion.
 - iii. CNNA report discussion.
 - iv. Other:
 1. Contributions are not tax-deductible until we achieve 501c3 status.
 2. Laurel isn't sending thank-you's for contributions because of this. We should receive word soon on our status
 - c. Tree Liaison Report: Laurel reported on workshop that was held
 - d. Street Reps Coordinator Report – Maribeth Becker
 - i. No activity since she returned from vacation recently.
 - ii. Sent emails.
 - iii. Will contact potential street reps – people are having trouble finding time to commit.
 - iv. Waiting for the Mayor to announce the April 30th Cleanup, so no activity so far.
 - v. Suggestion made to add a "how did you hear about the [meeting][organization]" on sign-up sheets.
 - e. Membership Report
 - i. Suggestion made not to have a regular report, as this material is covered by the Treasurer's and Street Reps' Reports.
 - ii. Identified how visitor's to the last meeting found out:

1. Newspaper: Richards, Boat Club visitors.
 2. Flyers: two visitors.
 3. Remainder: already active and in contact with us.
- 7. Programs and Projects:**
- a. Citywide Cleanup April 30th
 - i. Laurel will contact the Band to help with Andrews Field.
 - ii. Pam Parkington is collecting dog-walkers to do Taylor Farm.
 - iii. Historical Society needs to provide approval for cleanup at Mill Hill.
 - iv. No commitment yet on Marvin drop-off. There will be a truck at each drop-off site, but the drivers will not be working.
 - v. Fitch Park and City Hall are scheduled for drop-off sites.
 - vi. Maribeth will check with the Garden Club to see if they can organize a bake sale and monitor a drop-off site.
 - vii. Gordon will check St. Paul's church.
 - viii. Need to set up next P&P meeting.
 - b. Spring Newsletter
 - i. Need topics and people to write them.
 - ii. Possible roundabout meeting report?
 - c. Spring Cleanup – no action.
 - d. Adopt-a-Spot
 - i. Agreed to drop the City Hall site because it was not safe to work the site in traffic, and it could not be planted successfully.
 - ii. Maribeth will contact Don Nelson and request Tierney/Strawberry Hill island. Laurel initially requested this site last year. It was promised to someone else, but they have done nothing with the site.
 - iii. Discussed adopting an area along the river, possibly Freese Park, or the area adjacent to Constitution Park.
 - e. Parks
 - i. The fountain (aerator) at Taylor Farm pond is moving ahead. Mike Mocciae of Parks and Rec wants it, has convinced David Brown. Also ENIA is pushing it.
 - ii. Diane Lauricella is looking into the environmental pros and cons of the aerator installation. We agreed that we have plenty of other issues to deal with..
 - f. Ludlow/Liberty Square
 - i. Tod Bryant is arranging for the Parcel 3 project to tap into funds for façade improvements (renovation and protection).
 - ii. We might be able to tap into these funds – Wendye will investigate.
 - g. East Norwalk Cemetery – no action on historic designation
 - h. Watch list on development
 - i. Fitch School has been sold, and there is a proposal for 16 units of housing. Buyer is listed as Stilt Development, 5151 Collins Avenue, Miami.
 - ii. City owns the pond behind Fitch School.
 - iii. Pepperidge Farm property on Westport Avenue: see President's Report.
 - iv. Wall St. Parcel 3: general concern about the height of the building on the river.
 - v. Norden Park: Laurel invited Kim Morque, of Spinnaker to attend our May 11 meeting, and he has agreed.
- 8. Other Business: none**
- 9. Next regular board meeting: Wednesday May 11, 2005, Room 101.**
- 10. Meeting adjourned at 10:05.**

Respectfully submitted, Gordon Tully, Acting Secretary.