

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

**August 10, 2005
Minutes**

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

Other guests: Sarah Hunter; David Park; James Stuart; Liz Ayn; Alice Albertson; Raj Cholleti; Toni Boucher (State Rep for District 143)

Meeting called to order at 7:30 PM.

1. Public Participation – Liz Ayn voiced concern about businesses operating out of homes in a residential zone on Triangle Street. Laurel Lindstrom encouraged her to report incidents to the zoning inspector to investigate for violations. Further concerns expressed about the lack of cleanliness of the property. Suggestion was to contact the Fire and Health Departments if she felt it was warranted.
2. June minutes accepted as corrected. July minutes tabled to allow time to incorporate Gordon Tully's revisions.
3. Reports:
 - a. Treasurer's Report – Gordon Tully
 - i. ENNA will receive a \$1000 grant from the Friendship Fund as soon as we become a 501c3 Corporation..
 - ii. Dues and donations reviewed.
 - iii. Bills submitted from Laurel.
 - b. President's Report – Laurel Lindstrom
 - i. See attached president's report for details.
 - ii. CNNA meeting report. Neighborhood groups are concerned about lack of final Master Plan and have requested that a letter be sent to Mayor Knopp expressing the Group's position. Reason given for delay is that the traffic study has not been done; could not finalize Master Plan without that. Traffic study is being finalized so Master Plan should follow. Planning Commission has indicated that January is a realistic date to deliver completed Master Plan.
 - iii. Report on discussion with Walter Briggs, chair of the Planning Commission, regarding missing ENNA comments in the mid Harbor Plan. Briggs stated that "80% of the comments are in there."
 - iv. CNNA also discussed disposition of old police station building in Mathews Park and formed a task force to research and report on the options for reuse or demolish and restore to parkland.
 - v. waste management.
 - c. Tree Liaison – Nick Overall
 - i. No report
4. Programs and Projects:
 - a. Annual Meeting: September 14
 - i. Format to be regular business meeting as stipulated in the bylaws with election of new officers.
 - ii. Laurel will send proposed agenda to board members via email.
 - b. September Event
 - i. Discussions about date and format. Decision to hold on Monday, September 26th; not to include mayor and politicians since they will be at the caucus that evening. Also, no need since purpose of event is to focus on street reps.
 - ii. Theme: focus on the street reps to provide recognition/ definition for the function; have displays of the development proposed for East Norwalk neighborhoods.

- iii. Various locations suggested; decision to return to the Town House at the Mill Hill Museums. Laurel Lindstrom to check availability.
 - c. Fall cleanup: October 1
 - i. Location: Hendricks Street neighborhood.
 - ii. Gordon Tully contacted possible coordinator of the cleanup who lives in the area.
 - d. ENNA Adopt a Spots
 - i. East Avenue in front of City Hall appears to be thriving.
 - ii. Tierney Street and Strawberry Hill Avenue has been planted and needs watering every two days until established.
 - e. Newsletter
 - i. Plan is to distribute in the neighborhood of the clean up to let people know who ENNA is.
 - ii. Gordon Tully suggests distributing copies to the City Hall departments that ENNA regularly deals with – P&Z, Redevelopment, Parks and Recreations, DPW, etc.
 - iii. Street reps will distribute the newsletters in their area.
 - iv. Question is raised as to how to be more efficient in the printing. Sarah Hunter offers to discuss with various printers she works with to see if any are willing to do it as a service to the community and at no charge.
 - v. Distribution: Marija Bryant to distribute to businesses and offices about the Green and East Avenue to I-95; Maribeth Becker will cover Wall Street; Laurel Lindstrom will distribute on East Avenue below I-95.
 - f. Watch list properties:
 - 1. Gibbs site: Developer (Michael DiScala) has presented to ENNA; the plan as presented was not finalized and does not meet the guidelines for the Village District zoning on East Avenue. Gordon Tully has requested the developer to create a 3-D model of the various designs to allow the Commissions and citizens to make a more realistic assessment of the impact of the proposed development.
 - 2. Norden Park. Scheduled meeting with developer on August 18 at 6 PM. Development is 40 acres at the current Norden Park of what is now undeveloped land. Property is bounded by I-95, town of Westport, Metro North tracks and Norden Place in East Norwalk.
 - a.]Gordon Tully opines that Norwalk won't allow development for the area without a second entry and egress. Part of the parcel lies in Westport, but the consensus is that Westport will not allow the traffic to enter or exit into their town. Theoretically, could go to the state to get and entrance/exit for the site off of I-95.
 - 3. Lea Manor/ Strawberry Hill Avenue
 - a. Neighbors are circulating a petition to hold the cap on the PRD and encourage building of single family homes. Sarah Hunter reports that they are getting favorable response from all who they approach. Only a few won't sign.
 - b. Advice to neighborhood reps is to prepare for public hearing by appointing one spokesperson to present petition and position.
5. Other Business: none
6. Next regular board meeting: Wednesday September 14, 2005 (annual meeting)
7. Meeting adjourned at 9:45.

Respectfully submitted, Marija Bryant, Secretary.