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Asylum Hill Neighborhood Association A Neighborhood NRZ

AHNA General Meeting Minutes – October 3, 2016

Board Members;
Yvonne Matthews
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Nancy Caddigan
Moureen Bish
Frank Hagaman
Ken Johnson
Luwannia Johnson-Martin
Chris Montross
Michelle
McFarland
Marcus McKinney
Paul O'Mara

Board Members Present: Yvonne Matthews, Paul O'Mara, Jackie McKinney, George Annan-Kingsley, Frank Hagaman, Moureen Bish,

Board Members Absent: Michelle McFarland, Sekienna Ellis, Dean Amadon, Mark McKinney, Luwannia Johnson-Martin, Nancy Caddigan, Nancy Rion Chris Montross, Ken Johnson

AHNA Members & Staff Present: Lloyd Carter, Joe Bumpers, Donna Sodipo, Sue Carey, Ofc. Adam De Maines, David Corrigan, Maura Hallisey, Shelley Best, Esther Gonzalez-Torres, Barbara Robbins, Bonnie Matthews, Val-Gene Gripes, Janice Castle, Bernie Michel,

Visitors: Tim Ryan, Kevin Burnham, Morgan Ferrarotti, Diane Cantello, Marcus Jarvis, Frank Williams, Ethel Dewar, Jinelle Hooker, Barbara Robbins, Mary Kiernan-Gonzales, Ron Martin, Alfie Blake, Archie Byrd,

The meeting was called to order by Yvonne Matthews at 6:20. Yvonne recognized Janice Castle Dir of Community Engagement

Barbara Robbins then led the group in a short song for AHNA

The Mission of AHNA was read by Paul.

Police Report: Ofc. Adam Demaine reported the September statistics: Part 1 crimes are down 11.1% more information is available on Hartford.gov website broken down by neighborhood. Lloyd Collins arrested for breaking in, 57 prior arrests. Robberies are mostly "apple picking" cell phone theft, 11 car breaks, about average, 8 stolen vehicles, focus has been on 10 Marshall St, also Ofc. Chanaca was able to confiscate a loaded firearm near HPHS at dismissal time. Ofc. Demaine also distributed maps of the Hartford Marathon for Saturday.

West Middle School Volunteer Program: Nicole Rodriguez was not present.

I-84 Hartford Project: Tim Ryan and Kevin Burnham CT DOT has now recommended the lowered Highway alternative to Federal Highway Dept. who will need to approve it. This will necessitate the relocation of the rail lines into Union Station. Next Opening Planning Studio in Asylum Hill will be Nov. 16th at AHCC. Currently they are reviewing entrance and exit options at Sisson, Sigourney and Broad/Asylum.

- John Larson's proposal is longer term and will not affect this project.
- DOT has been working closely with Knox Inc. regarding the need to relocate depending on ramp locations

One goal of the project is to free up unnecessary real estate which will be given to the City to decide the best uses for.

- Making the highway more efficient will also improve air quality with fewer cars stuck in traffic

City of Hartford Update; Janice Castle responding to the questions raised last month.

Archie Byrd from Public Works Dept. answered questions about recycling and trash pickup

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- Question about furniture mattresses etc. and additional trash receptacles
 - Mushroom receptacles are in process of being placed to replace Big Bellies
 - Photos of mattresses and tires from out of town, very expensive problem
 - Two bulky waste trucks for the whole City
 - Fines imposed for dumping, property owners are responsible
 - Also working on anti-litter campaign & vigilance
- Block the box on Asylum & Sigourney has not been striped as yet

Committee Reports:

- **Finance Report:**
- **Public Safety;** focus on community relations with the police especially young males. Will be continuing to promote these meetings.
- **Education:** West Middle School is open and beautiful. Getting used to the campus, parents are getting used to the logistics. Expanding the community school model. Recent open house was very successful. Wide variety of services for students and families.
- **Economic Development:** Hartford Health Works Letter of support will be approved at next AHNA Board meeting and sent out.

Community Announcements:

- **Hartford Community Leaders** on Public Access TV every other week on Tuesday at 1:00 pm anyone interested can be on the program, contact Lloyd Carter at 860-833-4206
- Be sure your car is locked
- Hartford Decides is beginning the process for next year. This year each neighborhood will get a mural. Still need volunteers
- **Georges Kingsley** having a musical showcase Nov 10th at The 224
- **The Wadsworth** is offering free passes for Hartford residents after signing up
- **AHCC –Footsteps of Peace Discussion & Performance Seven Last Words 10/23/16**
- **Initiative at ULGH** helping people with their finances
- **AHB&GC** will be having a free tour 10/20 to celebrate 12th anniversary

Minutes reviewed and approved

The meeting was adjourned at 7:50pm.