



20th
Anniversary

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Asylum Hill Neighborhood Association
A Neighborhood NRZ

AHNA General Meeting Minutes ~ January 7, 2019

Board Members;

Nancy Rion
Secretary
Jackie McKinney
Sergeant-at-Arms
Janice Castle
Mayor's Office
Michael Barr
Louisa Barton
Duguay
Moureen Bish
Edward Edgardo
Esther Gonzalez-Torres
Marian Leist
Michelle
McFarland
Carol Padberg
Sue Tebolt

Board Members Present: Moureen Bish, Nancy Rion, Jackie McKinney, Michelle McFarland, Edward Edgardo, Marian Leist, Michael Barr, Carol Padberg, Louisa Barton Duguay, Janice Castle

Board Members Absent: Esther Gonzalez-Torres, Susan Tebolt

AHNA Members & Staff Present: Yvonne Matthews, Paul O'Mara, Georges Annan Kingsley, Ofc. Cid Palmieri, Lt. Martin Cunningham, Lt. Jesus Lopez, David Corrigan, Rev. Mia Douglas, Barbara Morton, Joe Bumpers, Cathy Zeiner, Barbara Robbins, Mike McGarry, Mervin Mathurin, Maria MacDonald, David MacDonald, Bernie Michel,

Visitors: Diane Cantello, Sarah Morin, Sarah Adenti, Lynn Webber, Lamont Robinson, Liza Arulampalam, Janis Comstock, Pat Jordan, Jonathan Clark, Patrick McMahon, Wayne Benjamin

The meeting was called to order by Executive Director David MacDonald at 6:20. Participants introduced themselves. David read the AHNA mission statement.

Executive Director Remarks: David summarized AHNA's 2018 Annual Report.

Finance Report:

December 1 balance:	\$28,133
Deposits:	570
Expenses:	\$ 3,560
December 31 balance:	\$25,143

Police Department Report: Asylum Hill's CSO, Sid Palmieri, (cell -203-400-9265) shared December's statistics: 6 tickets for panhandling, 16 for loitering, 7 for public drinking.

Fire Department Report: Lt. Jesus Lopez, 860-757-4523, Special Services Unit, reviewed the 2018 statistics for Hartford. Residents should contact Jesus or call 860-757-4520 for smoke detectors.

Review of Minutes: The December minutes were approved.

Report from the City: Janice encouraged residents to attend the next Mayor's Town Hall, January 29 at 6 PM. She also offered discounts tickets to Hartford residents for Disney on Ice. She is preparing a report of the 311 calls for each neighborhood so the NRZ may better understand the concerns and needs of the neighborhood. Six neighborhood signs are being made for each NRZ. She will be asking AHNA to confirm where the signs should be placed.

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Report by the Ad Hoc Nominations and Governance Committee: David summarized the January 4 meeting. He encouraged residents to consider applying to be a Board member, particularly as the Board needs 2 more residents to be in compliance with the by-laws. A committee will form to update the by-laws. Members are invited to suggest changes.

Report on Pollinator Festival: Carol Padberg shared a video of the first Festival last fall and asked for feedback and suggestions. People applauded the initiative and encouraged more marketing in future Festivals.

Voices of our Neighborhood:

- A new life sized crèche is at the Cathedral
- The Little Park River has been flooding. The Flood Control Commission meets Jan 9 at 9:30 AM at 50 Jennings Rd. MDC will try to explain the overflow.
- Resident from S. Marshall expressed concern about relentless speeding on the block without speed humps. She asked how to get a speed hump.
- A fundraiser raised \$2015 for the proposed Pear Orchard on Niles.
- Wayne Benjamin reported that the Comet roof is shrink wrapped. The newly posted “no parking” signs are effective. They removed 7 truckloads of contaminated soil. They are waiting approval of historic designation that may take 6 months.
- Representatives from the Village Family Center in Asylum Hill described some of their programs including a pre-school, parenting programs and home visits.
- Riverfront Church will be hosting a community lunch at 224, on Feb 10 at 11:30.

Announcements:

- Jan 16 at 5:30 at the YWCA is a Public Safety Committee meeting to discuss panhandling.
- Residents who have library cards may get free tickets to plays at Hartford Stage.

The meeting was adjourned at 7:25.