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Asylum Hill Neighborhood Association A Neighborhood NRZ

AHNA General Meeting Minutes March 2nd, 2020

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Paul O'Mara

Executive Director David MacDonald

Board Members Present: Jackie McKinney, Michael Barr, Louisa Baron Duguay, Paul O'Mara, Esther Gonzalez-Torres, Jennifer Cassidy, Edward Edgardo, Marian Leist, Georges Annan-Kingsley, Wayne Benjamin, Yvonne Matthews

Board Members Absent: Nancy Rion (excused), Janice Castle (excused), Janine McMahon, Mia Douglas (excused), Susan Tebolt, (excused) Kolsie Mathis (excused), Mervin Mathurin (excused), Michelle McFarland, Ken Johnson

AHNA Staff and Members Present: David MacDonald, Ofc. Cid Palmieri, Lt. Martin Cunningham, Ofc. Joe Sherbo, Andrene Bent-Jarvis, Lt. Jesus Lopez, Carlos Cruz, Kevin Fitzgerald, David Corrigan, Barbara Robbins, Sue Carey, Mike McGarry, Barbara Morton, Lynn Johnson, Cathy Zeiner, Sarah Adanti, Sandra Richardson, Kate Simcic, Catherine Saur, Donna Redway & Bernie Michel.

Visitors: Patrick McMahon, Patrick Doyle, Latoya Cleghorn-Harper, Annette Hargrove, Stan McCauley, John Gale & madison Frame

The meeting was called to order by Jackie McKinney, Chair at 6:02. The AHNA mission statement was read and due to the abbreviated agenda, those present only introduced themselves.

Executive Director Remarks: David ??? Jackie announced that there is a new grant opportunity coming from Hartford Foundation for Public Giving (HFPG) for community projects. There will be more information in the coming month.

Finance Report: David ???

Police Department Report: Asylum Hill's CSO, Sid Palmieri, (cell number 959-282-5138) reported for February: 5 tickets for loitering, 4 for trespassing, 1 for public drinking and 6 for panhandling. He has been addressing standing complaints especially on 99 Huntington and 186 Collins where they now have an overnight security guard. Illegally parked cars (blocking driveways) were towed, 1 on Collins St and 2 on Gillett St.

Fire Department Report: Lt. Jesus Lopez, (860-757-4523), Special Services Unit, February report was not available, however Lt. Lopez read an advisory concerning COVID 19 precautions.

Review of Minutes: The January General Meeting minutes were approved with the following two recommended changes: (1) regarding the report from the Quality of Life - the statement was amended to read - the Committee met with Sandra Frye to hear suggestions for the bike boulevard and there will be more discussion about it in the future. (2) The list of visitors to the January General Meeting will be added.

Report from the City: Andrene;

- City Open House Saturday March 7th 11:00am - 2:00pm at City Hall. Some departments that have open positions will take applications at that time, (flyer available).
- State of the City Address 3/9 at City Hall.

- Love Your Block Flyers are available
- Director of Public Works is available to attend any NRZ meeting to address concerns
- HFPG will be looking to award Grants to Communities for projects in the \$5k - \$50k range.

Minutes: from the February meeting were reviewed and “Catholic Transport” was corrected to read “Catholic Transcript” then approved.

Voices of our Neighborhood:

- Cost of Prison phone calls are exceptionally high. Looking to raise awareness for legislation to correct this. A bill is available and any can sign on to support it.
- Urban League is having a workshop on family finances, (flyer available)

The meeting was adjourned at 6:29 to allow for *Green 400*, the First of the public meeting, for comment on the five parts of the City’s 10 year plan.

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