

## From the Executive Director

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The Asylum Hill Neighborhood Association's mission is to empower and connect residents and stakeholders to improve the quality of life in our neighborhood. We continue to navigate the uncharted waters of the COVID-19 pandemic. Amidst all this uncertainty, however, we know we need to learn how to do things in a new way, our "new normal." This means that our next general meeting will be done via video/teleconference. If you receive our newsletter via email then you will receive an email detailing how you can join our virtual general meeting. If someone needs to receive information about how to join our meeting on May 4<sup>th</sup> at 6pm, please email me at [exdir@asylumhill.org](mailto:exdir@asylumhill.org) to join our email list.

At AHNA, we have made program adjustments to offer virtual online solutions for our current Committee meetings and new upcoming project meetings. Given that the Stay at Home order is still in place we will hold our May General Meeting via video/teleconference. We will also post information on our Facebook page at Asylum Hill Neighborhood Association with information on how to join our virtual meetings and for updates about upcoming project and committee meetings. Those details and updates will be shared in the days to come, but be assured that our primary concern at this moment is for the health and well-being of our residents and those in our community feeling most vulnerable right now.

Hartford is home to committed community leaders, passionate non-profits, and generous business partners. There are many people in Hartford who don't have access to the federal relief programs, so the people of Hartford have stepped up to help those in need. We have witnessed many volunteers stepping forward to help those in our city who are struggling to adapt to our new reality. We know we will work together to meet this crisis with compassion, confidence and creativity. AHNA staff is working remotely to help keep everyone safe. We will respond to your inquiries and needs as soon as possible, so continue to reach out to us in the days, weeks, and months ahead. Above all, stay safe and help care for others whenever and wherever you can.