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Asylum Hill Neighborhood Association
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AHNA General Meeting Minutes April 3, 2017

Board Members Present: Yvonne Matthews, Dean Amadon, Jackie McKinney, Moureen Bish, Frank Hagaman, Paul O'Mara,

Board Members Absent: Nancy Caddigan, Chris Montross, Mark McKinney, George Annan-Kingsley, Carol Padberg, Nancy Rion, Sekienna Ellis, Ken Johnson, Luwannia Johnson-Martin, Michelle McFarland

AHNA Members & Staff Present: Ofc. Chris Chanaca, Janice Castle, David Corrigan, Marcy Miller, Liz Gustafson, Kenya Smith, Rev. Mia Douglas, Jennifer Cassidy, Barbara Robbins, Mike McGarry, Rex Fowler, John Wyatt, & Bernie Michel

Visitors:, Diane Cantello, Morgan Ferrarotti, Michael Winters, Bob Falaguera, Rod Neff, Steven Hagerty, Rajranie Busgith, Jim Palma, Tyler Cazzetta , Pastor Luis Santiago, Evelyn DeJesus Vargas.

The meeting was called to order by Yvonne Matthews at 6:15. About 30 participants introduced themselves.

The Mission of AHNA was read. Chris Chanaca is being promoted to Sargent and will be helping to find his replacement. Yvonne recognized Liz Gustafson, the Social Work intern from UCONN School of Social Work, and also welcomed Morgan Ferrarotti back from maternity leave.

Police Report: Ofc. Chris Chanaca, reported that crime was down in March significantly, 1 robbery, 4 burglaries, 5 car breaks and 2 stolen vehicles. There had been 3-7 special assignment in AH & West End, but lately they have been called to the North End. Still biggest problem is the panhandling etc. on Farmington Ave.

The March minutes were reviewed and approved.

City of Hartford Update – Janice Castle: Janice is responsible for all citizen concerns as well as communicating department issues and Mayor's Town Hall meetings:

- Communication to store owners regarding maintenance
- Created a map of Hartford showing the neighborhoods and the NRZs for each
- 311 card explaining the best way to reach all City Departments
 - a question arose about the responsibility of City employees to call in issues rather than the citizens, it was explained that all of us need to work together to report whatever needs to be done.
- Explanation of the new Speed Hump protocol as reported in the N&V
- Hartford 311: Janice shared a card indicating ways to access 311, a non-emergency call center designed to connect residents with city services.
- City ID available in April: ID will be available to all Hartford residents. The City will not retain any personal information.

Guest Saint Francis Hospital:

- Bob Falaguera, VP at Saint Francis introduced the location of the demolition needed to allow for the new construction. The existing buildings house one year residents and the hospital that can be absorbed into the existing neighborhood housing. An existing daycare center will be relocated to 1075

814 Asylum Ave
Hartford 06105

Asylum, the former bank building on the SE corner of Woodland

- Dr. Michael Joyce talked about the importance of an Ambulatory Orthopedic Surgery Center
- Steven Doherty of SLAM Collaborative showed the aerial views of the site and drawings of the building and parking. All are available on the AHNA website at:
- The AHNA Board will review the plans and drawings at their next meeting and vote re: a letter of support.

Finance Report:

Mar 1 balance:	\$9,172.89
Donations:	\$ 569.12
Expenses:	\$ 1,349.02
Feb 28 balance:	\$ 8392.99

C-Tec Solar: Tyler Cazzetta presented the **Solarize Hartford** campaign in which they were the chosen contractor to offer PV solar installations to Hartford homeowners.

- Only available to owner occupied homes up to 3 family with a single electric meter.
- Some homes may not qualify due to historic requirements and orientation of the southern exposure
 - They are happy to consult and make a site visit at no charge
 - Leasing and financing are available – units have a 40 year life expectancy
- Program begins April 27th and ends August 31st more info at www.solarizeCT.com/Hartford

I-84 Update: Marcy Miller reported that there will be public forums April 20th at HPL 500 Main St and April 25th in East Hartford re:

- I-84 Hartford Project
- I-84/I-91 interchange study update
- Rail station area planning

Six **Discussion/Action items** for next meeting were passed out. They will be discussed by small groups next month

Committee Reports:

- **Public Safety** – will be discussing this with CSO, Community Court, DMHAS & hopefully Journey Home

Community Announcements:

- Imagination Conversation at the Asylum Hill Family Center April 28th 5:30 – 7:30pm
- The Commission on Immigrant and Refugee Affairs will be meeting April 11th 6:00pm HPL.
- Open Public Com/Stat meeting Thursday 4/27 at Police headquarters
- New Wine Christian Community is beginning at 19 May St will be joining in on Good Friday
- Kenya Smith from Hartford Parking Authority would like to come to next meeting. To update community.
- AHNA will be having a 20th Anniversary Celebration later in the year, looking for volunteers to help plan it.

The meeting was adjourned at 8:02.