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AHNA General Meeting Minutes ~ June 4, 2018

Board Members Present: Yvonne Matthews, Paul O'Mara, Nancy Rion, Esther Gonzalez-Torres, George Annan-Kingsley, Jackie McKinney, Ken Johnson, Dean Amadon, Louisa Barton Duguay

Board Members Absent: Chris Montross, Mark McKinney, Nancy Caddigan, Michelle McFarland
Carol Padberg, Moureen Bish

AHNA Members & Staff Present: Ofc. Sid Palmieri, Andrene Bent-Jarvis, Claire Bergin, Marian Leist, Michael Coloum, David Corrigan, Katherine Downing-Ahmed, Lloyd Carter, Lauren Fair, Donna Sodipo, Cathy Zeiner, Jennifer Cassidy, Barbara Robbins, Mike McGarry, Michael Barr, Edward Edgardo, Ted Carroll & Bernie Michel

Visitors: Diane Cantello, Dennis McDonald, Casey Hardin, Sally Guy, Elizabeth Veiblen, Dawn Grant, Lynn Johnson, Rick Kontur, Anthony Cherolis, Susan Tebolt, Carin Buckman, Annie Wilson, Theresa Clements, Andrew Clark

The meeting was called to order by Yvonne Matthews at 6:15. More than 40 participants introduced themselves. Yvonne recognized Barbara Robbins for her involvement in the community and behind the scenes work and support for AHNA.

Police Report: Asylum Hill's CSO, Sid Palmieri, 860-305-7675, continues to issue tickets for loitering (7), panhandling (6), and public drinking (8). A new Conditions Team has formed to focus on quality of life issues. They will be using unmarked cars. Residents shared concerns about loud car radios and mufflers, speeding on Asylum Ave close to West Middle School and ice cream trucks playing music late at night.

Fire Department Report: Lieutenant Jesus Lopez, 860-757-4523, said that all the fire statistics are available on line at the Department's website. Free smoke detectors are available at fire stations.

The May minutes were approved.

Finance Report: Paul reported:

April 1 balance:	\$ 18,304
Expenses:	\$ 1,533
Contributions	\$ 17,500 from Asylum Hill Church and the Aetna
April 30 balance:	\$ 34,270

Yvonne noted that with these additional donations, AHNA is seeking a part-time Executive Director. Ted Carroll shared a press release announcing the position. As Yvonne's term is concluding, the Board is also seeking a volunteer to be Chair of the AHNA Board.

Voices from the Neighborhood:

- Residents expressed frustration with folks who drop off trash in the neighborhood
- Representatives of Friends of Sigourney Park asked for more help in cleaning up the park and for more police presence to discourage drug dealers on the perimeter of the park.
- Residents registered concern about motorcycles and speeding on Ashley Street

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Report from the City – Andrene Bent-Jarvis: Andrene shared the Summer Guide to Hartford Services.

I-84 Update: Michael announced a meeting at Chrysalis Center on June 26 from 5-7 to discuss the proposed plan. He brought several speakers to address concerns from the May meeting.

Upcoming Events and Announcements:

- June 6 – Brass Quintet in Liam McGee Memorial Park at noon – free
- June 7 – October 25 Fresh Express shuttle to Farmers’ Market on Thursdays
- June 10 – 2:00 – 4:00pm Criminal Justice Forum at Immanuel Church
- June 12 – 2PM planting at Knox Gardens
- June 14 – 4:00 – 6:00pm *Building a Safer City* Forum at Town and County
- June 9-17 – Hartford Blooms
- May 16 – October 10 Walking tours of Asylum Hill neighborhood
- Transport Hartford distributed maps showing Bike/pedestrian crashes the last 8 years. They are seeking input for where to put 40 crosswalk signs for mid-block and unsignalized intersections in Hartford
- LimeBikes were introduced. With an app, residents can rent a bike for \$1 for 30 minutes

Hartford Foundation for Public Giving – Build Community: Carin and Dawn led a 30 minute exercise involving all attendees to respond to questions about the Asylum Hill neighborhood and what could be improved.

The meeting was adjourned at 8:00.