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## AHNA General Meeting Minutes ~ February 4, 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:** Jackie McKinney, Michelle McFarland, Edward Edgardo, Marian Leist, Michael Barr, Carol Padberg, Louisa Barton Duguay, Esther Gonzalez-Torres, Susan Tebolt,

**Board Members Absent:** Moureen Bish, Nancy Rion, Janice Castle

**AHNA Members & Staff Present:** Paul O'Mara, Georges Annan Kingsley, Ofc. Cid Palmieri, Lt. Martin Cunningham, Lt. Jesus Lopez, Andrene Bent-Jarvis, Wayne Benjamin, Claire Bergin. David Corrigan, Cathy Zeiner, Barbara Robbins, David MacDonald, Bernie Michel,

**Visitors:** Sarah Morin, Sarah Adenti, Lynn Webber, Keturah Kinch, Gabrielle Emmanuel, Ki Young Burby, Janine McMahon, Alex Tsaikov, J. Stan McCauley, Tiffany Bell, Tamara Gloster, Rita Keeling, Jonathan Clark

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:** In the interest of transparency, David passed out copies of the December Board meeting minutes and reviewed what transpired during the January Board meeting, along with progress made by the Governance Committee. He also referenced two grants, one received and the other pending for a total of \$25,000.

### Finance Report:

January 1 balance:	\$25,142
Deposits:	561
Expenses:	\$ 3,684
December 31 balance:	\$22,018

**Police Department Report:** Asylum Hill's CSO, Sid Palmieri, (cell -203-400-9265) shared December's statistics: 2 tickets for littering, 2 tickets for panhandling, 9 for loitering, 9 for public drinking. There was a homicide on Laurel St on January 8<sup>th</sup>. Cid was able to collect information from individuals in the neighborhood and Detectives were able make an arrest. Cid is the first HPD officer to be issued a body camera which he showed and explained. Progress is being made on Gillett St apartments

**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. Also, Jackie expressed gratitude for the Fire Dept response to a call at ArtSpace.

**Report from the City:** Andrene did not have any special report but will send out details for the next

Mayor's Town Hall, when it is available.

**Review of Minutes:** The January minutes were approved as submitted.

- **Election of Directors to fill Board vacancies:** The following were unanimously elected;
  - Yvonne Matthews (property owner)
  - Paul O'Mara (resident)
  - Georges Anan-Kingsley (resident)
  - Ken Johnson (NINA rep.)
  - Dean Amadon (AHCC rep.)
- **Hartford Parking Authority – Kenya Smith, Director of Operations**  
The CEO of HPA had confirmed to attend, but did not show. David will follow up.

**Voices of our Neighborhood:**

- Asylum Hill Family Center has relocated from 60 Gillett to 896 Asylum Ave
- Wayne Benjamin reported that the Comet work continues. They removed 7 truckloads of contaminated soil. They are waiting approval of historic designation.

**Announcements:**

- Grace Lutheran Church will be partnering with Charter Oak Cultural Center to bring “Good Vibrations” for middle school age children. It will involve learning guitar, rap poetry and will work with HPD. The program last year won an award from the White House.
- There is a new church worshipping at Grace on Sunday afternoons at 3:00 pm They are from Myanmar.
- Trinity Lutheran Church is having a campaign kick-off on Tuesday, Feb 12<sup>th</sup> at 5:30 pm all are welcome
- Hartford Stage Tickets will be available 2/7 at the Library. You only need a Library card to get them. Dates available are from 2/14 through 3/10.

The meeting was adjourned at 7:06.