

From the Executive Director
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The Asylum Hill Neighborhood Association's mission statement is that AHNA empowers and connects residents and stakeholders to improve the quality of life in Asylum Hill. Let's look at how AHNA puts this mission into action. We empower and connect residents and stakeholders. We hold eleven (11) monthly meetings where residents can make their concerns known and where we identify next steps toward resolution. Many institutional stakeholders also attend our monthly meetings and are available to assist in resolving challenges. Most issues are resolved in committee meetings and through follow up work with the city or other stakeholders. By empowering and connecting residents and stakeholders we amplify the voices of our residents and support them in leading the change they wish to see in Asylum Hill.

The mission statement reflects the goal of our work to "improve the quality of life in Asylum Hill." This is our north star guiding the organization. Our Quality of Life committee is leading the charge and the focus of much of our work, including working with tenants on housing issues, supporting Sigourney Square Park and working with stakeholders to reduce panhandling and increase safety in the neighborhood. Asylum Hill's CSO Cid Palmieri is a critical partner in our work on quality of life issues. The economic development committee is focused on revitalizing Farmington Avenue, our commercial corridor. This committee will bring together residents, merchants and institutional stakeholders to improve the quality of life in the neighborhood by supporting the revitalization of Farmington Avenue. This is how we put the mission statement into action.