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## Asylum Hill Neighborhood Association A Neighborhood NRZ

### AHNA General Meeting Minutes ~ November 5, 2018

#### Board Members;

Yvonne Matthews

Chair

Paul O'Mara

Vice Chair

Nancy Rion

Secretary

Jackie McKinney

Sergeant-at-Arms

Annie Castle

Mayor's Office

Dean Amadon

Georges Annan-

Kingsley

Michael Barr

Louisa Barton

Duguay

Moureen Bish

Edward Edgare

Esther Gonzalez-

Torres

Ken Johnson

Marian Leist

Chris Montross

Michelle McFarland

Carol Padberg

Sue Tebolt

**Board Members Present:** Yvonne Matthews, Paul O'Mara, Carol Padberg, Ken Johnson, Moureen Bish, Louisa Barton Duguay, Nancy Rion, Jackie McKinney

**Board Members Absent:** Esther Gonzalez-Torres, George Annan-Kingsley, Dean Amadon, Chris Montross, Mark McKinney, Nancy Caddigan, Michelle McFarland

**AHNA Members & Staff Present:** Ofc. Cid Palmieri, Lt. Martin Cunningham, Andrene Bent-Jarvis, Lt. Jose Lopez, Lt. Jose Rivera, Fred Peck, Michael Barr, Edward Edgare, Marian Leist, Sue Tebolt, Mia Douglas, Barbara Morton, Joe Bumpers, Jennifer Cassidy, Mike McGarry, Frank Hagaman, Barbara Robbins, Andrea Barton-Reeves, David MacDonald, Bernie Michel & Ted Carroll

**Visitors:** Laura Suroviak, Quyen Trong, Stanley Maticka, Wayne Benjamin, Lynn Johnson & John Gale

The meeting was called to order by Yvonne Matthews at 6:15. Participants introduced themselves. Paul read the AHNA mission statement.

Yvonne recognized Ken Johnson for his leadership at NINA, bringing significant change in houses and living spaces in our neighborhood.

**Executive Director Report:** David (860-805-8935) welcomed the four new Board members, mentioning the expertise that each brings to the Board. He shared a recognition of AHNA by Janna Pederson who has worked with the AHNA Board for two years in the Building on Success program.

**Finance Report:** Paul presented the following report:

October 1 balance:	\$34,470	
Deposits:	5	
Expenses:	\$ 4,689	(payroll, printer ink, refreshments)
August 31 balance:	\$29,785	

**Police Department Report:** Asylum Hill's CSO, Sid Palmieri, shared October's statistics: 13 tickets for loitering, 5 for public drinking, 9 for panhandling and 1 for loud noise. There have been many car break-ins recently. He advised drivers to "park smart." Lock the car. Hide valuables from sight in cars. Never leave the keys in the car.

Martin Cunningham, 860-719-1130, Lieutenant Commander North District reported that 270 red tags have been put on abandoned cars which will be towed. Speed humps have been installed. There were no issues on Halloween.

**Fire Department Report:** Lt. Jesus Lopez, 860-757-4523, Special Services Unit, reviewed the September data. He will email the October report. Most fires begin in the kitchen. Residents should contact Jesus for smoke detectors.

The October minutes were approved.

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**I-84 Update:** Marcy will have a report in December.

**Request for support for Zoning Variance:** Resident Michael Barr requested support for a variance for renovating his garage at 40 Ashley St. He plans to have a gabled roof with overhangs that extend closer to his property line – thus the need for a variance. Fred Peck from the City confirmed that a request for a variance from Planning and Zoning requires NRZ approval. There was consensus that the letter should be granted. The Board will discuss the request at its November meeting.

**Report from the City:** Andrene shared the Fall Hartford Services Guide. Leaf collection is beginning. Residents can call 311 for the schedule.

**Voices of our Neighborhood:**

- Knights of Columbus are seeking volunteers to help enhance the Asylum Hill neighborhood. They are also seeking unwanted evergreen trees.
- Moment of Silence for Linda Baer, a dedicated public servant who is gravely ill
- Wayne Benjamin reported that soil remediation continues at the Comet site
- There was a discussion about a desire for more information about the Board's processes and meetings. Suggestions were made that will be discussed at the next board meeting.

**New Board Members:** Members voted to approve the following persons to be Director of the AHNA Board:

- Edward Edgardo
- Michael Barr
- Marian Leist
- Susan Tebolt

**Renewal of terms of current Board members:** vote was tabled for lack of hard copy of list of renewals and length of terms. A list and bios of Board members whose terms are to be renewed will be put on the website. The December meeting will include a celebration of the dedicated Board members who are leaving the Board.

**Proposed bylaw Amendments:**

The presentation of the new bylaws was postponed until the January meeting, following the request by those in attendance, of a copy of the original bylaws, with the suggested changes. It was noted that the current bylaws are on the AHNA website. A copy of the current bylaws with mark-up will be sent out.

**Announcements:**

- Georges Annan-Kingsley had a successful kidney transplant and became a US citizen
- Nov. 10 & 11, 11-5PM: Open Studio in the north end of Hartford
- Nov 15, 7 PM: CT Ballet Community Conversation at Asylum Hill Church
- Nov. 16, 6:30: Solar Fiesta – fundraiser for solar panels for Puerto Rico - at Immanuel Church
- Nov 25: Knights in Soup
- Nov 28: Town Hall Mayor's Meeting
- Dec 6: Celebration of a new book, Connecticut – 169 Towns, at Woodland House
- Jan 3: KNOX fundraiser to purchase and plant a small pear tree orchard on Niles.

Yvonne welcomed Councilman John Hale who entertained questions. He reported that the Council is working to increase transparency in all their work.

The meeting was adjourned at 7:50.