

**From the Executive Director**  
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The Asylum Hill Neighborhood Association continues to tackle the issues confronting the quality of life in Asylum Hill. An important part of that work over the next couple of months is to reinvigorate and reactivate our committees. Committees allow residents and other stakeholders to have a positive impact on our neighborhood. We invite everyone from the Hill to join a committee and help us improve our neighborhood.

Our plans include a newly constituted Quality of Life Committee. This Committee will address any of the issues that directly impact the quality of life of our residents, businesses and other stakeholders. We hope to add enough members so that we can have several sub-committees to work on specific issues affecting the Hill, such as parking, speeding and blight.

The Public Safety Committee has been active on the issue of finding ways to reduce panhandling by helping those who resort to panhandling. We have formed a partnership with the Business Improvement District and are engaging our social service providers to help. We need more residents and business involvement and we encourage all to join us on the third Wednesday of the month at a location to be announced, at 5:30pm.

A new Economic Development Committee will work on forming a broad coalition to support the revitalization of the Farmington Avenue business corridor. The Education Committee will reformulate and identify priorities for 2019. The Communications Committee has continued to meet and publish the News and Views newsletter. Anyone interested in helping to get the word out about Asylum Hill through communications is encouraged to attend on the third Tuesday of the month at 2pm at the Asylum Hill Congregational Church. The dates/times listed here are the standing times but they do change on occasion. All Committee meetings are listed on our Committee Calendar at [www.asylumhill.org](http://www.asylumhill.org).

As always if you have any questions, would like to join us in our work or have concerns about the Hill, please feel free to email me at [exdir@asylumhill.org](mailto:exdir@asylumhill.org). We look forward to hearing from you.