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### AHNA General Meeting Minutes June 3, 2019

**Board Members Present:** Jackie McKinney, Edward Edgaro, Susan Tebolt, Paul O'Mara, Marian Leist, Nancy Rion, Michael Barr, Louisa Barton Duguay, Janice Castle, Yvonne Matthews

**Board Members Absent:** Ken Johnson (excused), Esther Gonzalez-Torres (excused), Georges Annan-Kingsley (excused), Michelle McFarland, Jennifer Cassidy (excused), Mervin Mathurin, Carol Padberg (excused), Mia Douglas

**AHNA Staff and Members Present:** Ofc. Cid Palmieri, Lt. Martin Cunningham, David Corrigan, Barbara Robbins, Mike McGarry, Barbara Morton, Wayne Benjamin, Cathy Zeiner, Janine McMahon, Sarah Adanti, Laura Settemyer, Ted Carroll, David MacDonald, Bernie Michel,

**Visitors:** Sarah Morin, Amanda Garcia, Hyacinth Yenni, Alicia Dario, Joshua Thornton, Rosato Weaver, Cheryl Davis, Sandra Richard, James Evan

The meeting was called to order by Chair Jackie McKinney at 6:20. Barbara Robbins read the AHNA mission statement. About 25 attendees introduced themselves.

**Executive Director Remarks:** David noted that residents planted 9 pear trees near the Community Garden on Niles. He summarized the May Board meeting – the minutes are on the AHNA website. He announced that AHNA is looking for input to update the strategic plan.

**Finance Report:** Sue reported the following:

Balance 5/1/19	\$ 16,447.04
Deposits	10,760.00 (\$10,000 from AHCC)
Expenses	<u>(4,206.45)</u> (payroll, insurance, office supplies)
Balance 5/30/19	<u>\$ 23,000.59</u>

Sue stressed the need to begin fundraising.

**Police Department Report:** Asylum Hill's CSO, Sid Palmieri, (cell -203-400-9265) shared May's statistics: 7 tickets for panhandling, 15 for loitering, 6 for public drinking. He is working to address the challenges on Huntington. He will be working more evenings. Sid reported on his 3 day bike ride to Washington DC. They raised over \$28,000!

Lt. Martin Cunningham, (860-719-1130) reported the arrest of an individual responsible for many auto thefts. There have been no thefts since that arrest. Amazon is leaving packages on front porches. The police are encouraging neighbors to take them inside until owners return home to prevent theft.

**Fire Department Report:** Lt. Jesus Lopez, 860-757-4523, Special Services Unit, shared statistics for April and May. He reminded residents that renter's insurance is important and that smoke detectors are available to residents.

**Review of Minutes:** The May minutes were approved.

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**Report from the City:** Janice reported that in May, 36 residents called 311 requesting help. The majority of those calls were concerns about housing and potholes. Janice shared the reference booklets for residents. She encouraged artisan vendors to display their work at city hall. She announced a special town hall meeting focused on youth on June 24 at 5:30 at Hartford Stage.

In response to concerns voiced by residents at Sigourney Mews, Janice recommended that they contact Legal Aid and UCONN law school for advice and help. AHNA's Quality of Life Committee is also working on these concerns.

Laura Settemeyer, the Blight Remediation Director, reported on her work, focused on housing code reinforcement, legislation dealing with receivership, and setting up the land bank. She mentioned that in Asylum Hill, 367 Farmington is finally being renovated. She will be checking other sites mentioned by residents.

**Voices of our Neighborhood:**

- Hartford Blooms Tour was well attended last weekend.

**Committee Updates: (all minutes are on the AHNA website)**

- Quality of Life Committee: Mike reported that the Committee discussed concerns about Sigourney Mews, speed bumps on S. Marshall and the ice cream truck playing music after 9 PM.
- Economic Development Committee: Edward and committee members will be talking to business owners on Farmington Ave.
- Communications Committee: Paul reported that they are redesigning the website. They are working with Mike McGarry to create a Welcome to Asylum Hill booklet. They will be seeking feedback from visitors to AHNA meetings.
- Ad Hoc Bylaws Committee: Marian reported that the Committee is working to clarify what is required to be a member and to vote.
- Program and Fund Development Committee: Yvonne reported the goal is to raise \$25,000. The Committee will be working with the Finance and Communication Committees. Thank you letters have been sent to those who renewed their membership.

**Announcements:**

- There is no General Meeting in July.
- Georges has completed painting his mural to be displayed at West Middle School.
- Residents are encouraged to attend free noon concert on **June 4** at Liam McGee Memorial Park, sponsored by the Hartford.
- NINA is leading walking tours of Asylum Hill on **June 11 and June 18** – sponsored by the Hartford and Aetna
- **June 30** – Jazz on the lawn at AHCC from 4-6
- Fresh Express will operate on Thursdays from **June 6 - August 15**, from 11 - 1:30
- **June 24** – 5:30 special Town Hall focused on youth at Hartford Stage
- **June 25** – S. Marshall St. Block Party from 4-7.

The meeting was adjourned at 7:35.