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AHNA General Meeting Minutes ~ August 6, 2018

Board Members Present: Yvonne Matthews, Paul O'Mara, Dean Amadon, Esther Gonzalez-Torres, George Annan-Kingsley, Moureen Bish, Nancy Rion, Jackie McKinney

Board Members Absent: Carol Padberg, Ken Johnson, Louisa Barton Duguay, Chris Montross, Nancy Caddigan, Michelle McFarland

AHNA Members & Staff Present: Andrene Bent-Jarvis, Lt. Jesus Lopez, Rev. Mia Douglas, Saran Morin, Clair Bergin, Marian Leist, Marcy Miller, Michael Barr, David Corrigan, Cathy Zeiner, Edwardo Edgardo, Barbara Robbins, Elizabeth Weible, Susan Tebolt & Bernie Michel,

Visitors: Ryan Keating, Larisa Kottke, Tanya Walker, Maria MacDonald, Mervin Mathurin, Jason Farquharson, Isaac Lawson, Linda Moore.

The meeting was called to order by Yvonne Matthews at 6:15. More than 30 participants introduced themselves. Yvonne recognized Marian Leist from HARC who provides important services to clients in the neighborhood.

Yvonne reported that the Board will be interviewing candidates for Executive Director and hopes to introduce the new director in September.

Fire Department Report: Lt. Jesus Lopez reviewed the July data.

The July minutes were approved.

My Hart My Vote: Larisa Kottke and Ryan Keating from Leadership Greater Hartford spoke about their pilot project in Asylum Hill to register residents to vote. They will attend the West End Farmers Market and would respond to other invitations to events to register voters. They are also encouraging businesses to give discounts to voters.

Voices of our Neighborhood:

- Georges reported that the effort to paint a mural at Hartford Public High School was rejected by some parents. Mia, Jackie and Bernie offered to work together to see if West Middle School might be an appropriate and welcoming alternative.
- Sigourney Park Clean up will take place in September
- Youth Challenge Walk-a-thon will be Sept 15. They are seeking vendors.
- Concerns were expressed that prostitution continues at 211 Collins St. Public Safety Committee will address the issue, and work with Sid. Suggestions were made to address the root causes and to consider pre-arrest programs.
- Wheeler Clinic is adding 4 community health workers to focus on interventions in the community

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Finance Report:

July 1 balance: \$34,063
Deposits: \$5,450 (\$5000 from Aetna, \$200 from Riverfront Church, \$250 from Board member)
Expenses: \$296. (no payroll because of change to monthly payment)
July 31 balance: \$39,216.

Report from the City: Andrene reported that bulky waste continues to be a challenge and that the city is seeking a workable solution to the problem.

I-84 Update: Marcy reported that the July 16 was well attended. The presentation is on their website. The September meeting will focus on how the changes might affect CT Fast Track.

Upcoming Events and Announcements:

- AHNA has some open Board positions. Residents are encouraged to apply.
- AHNA has been requesting a meeting with Chrysalis about Clover Gardens to discuss options.
- Asylum Hill Family Center is having a block party August 21, expecting 300-500 children.

The meeting was adjourned at 8:00.