

From the Executive Director
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The Fall is coming and children are returning to school, so it must be time for AHNA Board of Directors elections soon. Our Nominations and Governance Committee has sent out notice to AHNA members asking interested people to send us their nominations. We are starting the process earlier than in the past to provide more transparency and more time for AHNA members to learn about the candidates or to decide to run yourself. If you'd like an application, need more information about being a director of AHNA, or have any questions, please contact me at exdir@asylumhill.org.

To be elected as a Director, you must be AHNA member in good standing. Directors are expected to attend the monthly BOD meeting, monthly General Meeting and join at least one committee. That's a minimum of 3 three meetings per month. Our next General neighborhood meeting will take place on Monday, September 14th at 6:15pm on Zoom. At our General Meeting on Monday October 5th we will present the nominees to date and accept any new nominations from the floor. General Meetings will continue with Zoom until further notice.

Join our email list to receive notifications and zoom links every month. We hope you will consider being a candidate and bring your valuable experience to help us improve the quality of life in Asylum Hill.

Our Love Your Block projects are coming along very well. Painting for the Marshall Street mural will start in early September. Contact AHNA if you're interested in helping with the painting. The Asylum Hill Pollinator Garden project has been completed. We have 6 new pollinator gardens that support bees and butterflies, at Immanuel Congregational Church, Trinity Episcopal Church, Grace Lutheran Church, Asylum Hill Congregational Church, Youth Challenge and St. Joseph's Cathedral. The project also completed a neighborhood cleanup around Woodland Street, Farmington Avenue and Niles Street. About 40 volunteers collected more than 20 bags of garbage and we celebrated together at Grace Lutheran with good food and music.

We invite all our partners, stakeholders and residents to attend the annual meeting on Monday November 2nd and to help us launch our new year of activity for 2021 with a focus on revitalizing Farmington Avenue.