

**CITY OF NORWALK
MAYOR'S NEIGHBORHOOD PRESERVATION
REGULAR MEETING
NOVEMBER 4, 2009**

ATTENDANCE: Christine Abraham, West Main Street N.A.; Maribeth Becker, Wall Street; Katherine Griffing, Golden Hill Association, Georgianna Hanrahan, Flax Hill Neighbors; Thomas Hanrahan, Flax Hill Neighbors; Glenn Iannaccone, Fire Department; Marilyn Maitland, Health Department; Marcia Powell, Village Creek Homeowners Association; Laura Panciera, Public Works; Al Raymond, Spring Hill/Hospital N.A.; Lt. Paul Resnick, NPD; John Hayducky, Planning and Zoning, Sgt. Lisa Cotto, NPD; Mayor Richard A. Moccia (10:30 a.m.)

STAFF: Connie Blair, Customer Service

CALL TO ORDER

Mr. Shockley called the meeting to order at 10:07 a.m. He said that the Mayor had been delayed by a press conference.

**WELCOMING REMARKS; REVIEW AND APPROVE THE OCTOBER 7, 2009
MEETING MINUTES**

**** MR. IANNACCONO MOVED TO APPROVE THE MINUTES OF OCTOBER 7, 2009 AS PRESENTED.**

**** MS. GRIFFING SECONDED.**

**** THE MOTION PASSED UNANIMOUSLY.**

CUSTOMER SERVICE CENTER UPDATE; CONNIE BLAIR

Ms. Blair said that there were no additional announcements, but added that there had been a question about H1N1. She said that there was a tab on the City website for current information on the H1N1 virus.

Ms. Abraham said that there was a problem on Davenport Street regarding the cars being repaired on private property. Ms. Blair said that she thought it might be something for Planning and Zoning to look into. Mr. Hayducky made a note of the address and said that he would have someone check the site.

CITY ANNOUNCEMENTS

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Mr. Iannaccone reiterated that having house numbers on the buildings is important for the fire fighters and the first responders. It is a city ordinance.

Mr. Shockley said that the City was still in the process of becoming a Keep America Beautiful associate. He then reviewed the process that is used for a litter index and that this study will be done later in the month.

Mr. Shockley said that that the South Norwalk Community Center will be having a Thanksgiving dinner at NEON for those who might not have a place to go.

Neighborhood Representatives.

Village Creek – Ms. Powell said that she would like to thank DPW for removing a large TV that was dumped. The couch that was dumped in the marsh was a bit of a challenge. The staff removed what they could, but they don't have the equipment that enables them to haul the couch out of the soft mud of the marsh.

West Main Neighborhood Association – Ms. Abraham said that the developer has started on the project and the ground breaking will be next Friday. Ms. Abraham said that she lived on Jefferson and that the construction is blocked off on Summer Street. She suggested that a sign saying that Summer Street is blocked off should be posted further down to prevent people from driving all the way down the street to Jefferson Street and finding out that they can't go on to Summer Street. Officers Cotto and Resnick said that they would look into this and see if this could be improved.

Golden Hill Association – Ms. Griffing reported that there were no problems.

Stuart Avenue – Mr. Raymond said that Stuart Avenue is good. The paving is done.

Spring Hill/Hospital Neighborhood Association – Mr. Raymond thanked the Mayor, DPW and said that after two and a half years the eight maple trees have been planted on the State property along Van Buren and Maple Street.

Lt. Resnick introduced Sgt. Lisa Cotto and said that she was now in Community Services. This department works on crime prevention, community relationships and other issues.

Mr. Shockley said that he had printed out the upcoming meeting dates for the members of the Task Force.

Ms. Powell said that Village Creek is being listed on the National Registry of Places.

Lt. Resnick said that he had the opportunity to visit Village Creek and was very impressed with the beauty of that neighborhood. Mr. Raymond suggested that perhaps the Community Officers could visit the other neighborhood groups.

Mayor Moccia joined the meeting at 10:30 a.m.

Lt. Resnick reiterated how the conversation about visiting Village Creek neighborhood happened for the Mayor.

Ms. Becker said that she had some concerns about a house where the resident recently passed away and the account was in the newspaper. Lt. Resnick said that he would request extra observation on the property.

Ms. Hanrahan asked about a recent traffic study grant for \$500,000. The Mayor said that he did not recall the exact amount, but believed it was for Safe Routes to Schools grant. Ms. Hanrahan said that her neighborhood group would be interested

Laura from DPW said that there had been a number of questions about green bins. The announcement will be put in every blue bin next week.

The Mayor said that he had spoken with Mr. Gianitti from the Public Schools about the green bin recycling. The word is getting out. Every container that can be recycled is one less container in the garbage. The Mayor said that he had spoken to The Hour about having an article in a prominent place in the newspaper.

Ms. Griffing said that she had promised her neighborhood members recycling bins but when they went to pick them up, the only bins available were the green ones. Ms. Blair reviewed the process for recycling and DPW's suggestion that the residents use the green bins for paper and place the blue bins with the plastics, metals and glass on top of the green bins.

Lt. Resnick said that there had been a problem with a parking lot on Aiken Street during the election where the lights were out. He called CL&P and they had someone there quickly to replace the light bulbs.

Ms. Becker said that the upcoming Art Spot would be for Columbus School students, Thursday, November 19th.

ADJOURNMENT

There being no more business to discuss, Mr. Shockley adjourned the meeting at 10:50 a.m.

Respectfully submitted,

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