

**CITY OF NORWALK
MAYOR'S NEIGHBORHOOD
REGULAR MEETING
APRIL 1, 2009**

PRESENT: Mayor Richard A. Moccia (10:16 a.m.); David Shockley, Redevelopment Agency; Hal Alvord, DPW Director; Helen Bryan, West Main Street N.A.; Katherine Griffing, Golden Hill Association, Glenn Iannaccone, Norwalk Fire Department; Marilyn Maitland, Health Department; Don Nelson, Tree Alliance; Marcia Powell, Village Creek Homeowners Association; Barbara Felter, Broad River N.A.; Christine Names, NASH; Mark Pierce, Wilton Avenue N.A.; Al Raymond, Spring Hill/Hospital N.A.; Lt. Peter Randall, Norwalk Police; Nancy Whitmore, West Main Street N.A.; Diane Cece, ENNA; Vladimir Mariano, Planning and Zoning; John Hayducky, Planning and Zoning, Georgina and Ton Hanrahan, Flax Hill N.A.

STAFF: Connie Blair, Customer Service Representative

CALL TO ORDER

Mr. Shockley called the meeting to order at 10:05 a.m.

WELCOME THE NEWLY FORMED FLAX HILL ROAD NEIGHBORHOOD

Mr. Shockley welcomed the newly formed Flax Hill Road Neighborhood Association. Mr. Shockley then announced that the Flax Hill Neighborhood Association would be meeting tonight for the first time.

**WELCOMING REMARKS; REVIEW AND APPROVE THE
MARCH 4, 2009 MEETING MINUTES**

Mr. Shockley then welcomed everyone and suggested that everyone introduce themselves and announce their neighborhood group name.

**** MR. IANNACCONO MOVED TO APPROVE THE MINUTES OF THE
MARCH 4, 2009 MEETING.**

**** MS. GRIFFING SECONDED.**

**** THE MOTION PASSED UNANIMOUSLY.**

CUSTOMER SERVICE CENTER UPDATE – CONNIE BLAIR

Ms. Blair announced that resident's beach stickers would not be mailed out and that residents would need to pick them up. Residents must have a beach sticker to use the transfer station and the City parks. All outstanding car taxes will be collected before stickers will be issued. Residents should bring their vehicle registration in order to receive a sticker.

Ms. Blair also said that the Household Hazard Waste calendar was now available. Mr. Nelson asked about electronic drop off. Ms. Blair said that there was a spot available at the transfer station six days a week. This also includes oil, car batteries, and antifreeze, which require a fee for disposal.

ANNOUNCEMENTS

City Staff

Mr. Shockley said that Brien McMahon was having a clean up on the 25th and needed volunteers. The Wall Street Area Clean up on Saturday May 9, 2009 from 8:30 a.m. to 12 noon, meet at Fat Cat Joe's.

Keep Norwalk Beautiful update

Pepperidge Farm employees will be doing a clean up at Calf Pasture Beach and Sheffield Island. There are also two other Keep America Beautiful groups signed up to do clean ups. There is another public meeting with Keep America Beautiful team to work on moving the affiliation requirements forward.

Fire Marshal Iannaccone said that the department had received a grant and had used the funds to purchase smoke detectors. He said that those who want smoke detectors could call his office at 854-0240

Mayor Moccia joined the meeting at 10:16 a.m.

Mayor Moccia announced that the City had received 1.9 million in stimulus funds to pave roads. Along with the funding in the budget, the pothole patrol will be out working on the roads. Mayor Moccia said that the City is working on finding funding to have the old police station demolished.

Neighborhood Representatives

Ms. Griffing said that her group was concerned about the fact that many of the houses in her neighborhood don't have numbers displayed on them. Fire Marshal Iannaccone said that there were copies of the ordinance available for the homeowners.

Ms. Whitmore said that the area where the wall was sagging on West Main now had large cones placed around it. There is also a problem with the paving around Duchess Restaurant. Ms. Blair made a note of this. Lt. Randall said that the utility companies would be going back to do repaving in that area.

Ms. Bryant said that there was still a problem with people who don't pick up after their dogs.

Ms. Becker from the Wall Street N.A. encouraged everyone to come out for the clean up. She also said that on Sat. on June 20th, the Arts Committee would be having an arts party in Mathews Park. Details will be forthcoming.

Mayor Moccia said that there had been a resurgence of retails on Wall Street putting plastic garbage bags on Wall Street. A few retailers have been taken to court and fined over this issue.

Ms. Felter said that Broad Street Association has just started off and there has only been one meeting. She had several questions about doing clean up, which Mr. Shockley answered.

Silvermine Neighborhood Association will be having a clean up at the Silvermine School. Ms. Felter said that speeders continue to be a problem on Silvermine Avenue. Lt. Randall noted the location and said that the police would be on the alert.

Ms. Powell said that she hadn't been able to find the list of streets that would be paved this year. Ms. Blair told her where this was listed on the City website and added that the list was alphabetical and not in the order that they will be paved. The paving order is set by the contractor.

Mr. Pierce said that Wilton Avenue will be doing a clean up on April 18th. He then expressed concerns about a home oil tank that apparently had been dumped in the parking lot of Ash Creek Saloon.

Ms. Cece said that East Norwalk would be having the clean up on the Citywide date. She said that now that some stimulus funds had come in, she would like to see the yard waste site open again. The Mayor explained that the funding could not be used for that. Mr. Alvord explained that on the second and fourth Saturday of April, May and June, the yard waste site would be open from 7:30-3:00. Starting in July, the site would be open every Saturday. Discussion about the DPW staffing then followed.

Mr. Pierce asked about the New Canaan bridge completion. Mr. Alvord said that this was a Connecticut DOT job. When it is completed, it will be a four lane bridge with turning lanes.

Mr. Raymond said that he had spoken to Papa John about Stuart Avenue and the sidewalk issue. Papa John wants to put in asphalt sidewalks but the city requires 7 foot wide concrete sidewalks with concrete curbing. There were also concerns about some recent paint marking on Stuart Avenue. Mr. Alvord said that Yankee Gas was surveying their underground utilities, but might not be planning to dig there. Mr. Alvord said that he would be checking into this.

Mr. Raymond said that the speeding on Stuart Avenue continues. Lt. Randall made a note of this.

Mr. Raymond asked about the status of the trees on Van Buren in front of the hospital. Mr. Alvord said that it took a year and a half to get permission from the DOT to plant eight trees there.

Mr. Nelson announced that spring planting season for the Tree Alliance was starting right now. He suggested that the new neighborhood groups consider appointing a Tree Liaison to help select locations for city provided trees on private property. Mr. Alvord said that there were funds for tree planting and that having a Tree Liaison was a very helpful asset.

The Arbor Day celebration would be on April 24th at 1:15 p.m. at Cranbury Elementary School.

The Norwalk Tree Alliance has joined with the Wilton Garden Club to sponsor the Norwalk Tree Festival at Cranbury Park on May 16, 2009 from 11:00 a.m. to 3:00 p.m.

The Mayor said that there would be an Anti-Cruelty to Animals outreach for old cell phones at the pound to benefit PAWS in the near future.

ADJOURNMENT

Mr. Shockley adjourned the meeting at 10:49 a.m.

Respectfully submitted

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