

CITY OF NORWALK
MAYOR'S NEIGHBORHOOD PRESERVATION
MEETING HELD AT 29 MARSHALL STREET, S. NORWALK
February 4, 2009

ATTENDANCE: David Shockley, Redevelopment Agency; Maribeth Becker, Wall Street; Katherine Griffing, Golden Hill Association; Gordon Sweeny, Golden Hill Association, Marilyn Maitland, Health Department; Cedric Goo, Health Department, Don Nelson, Tree Alliance; Marcia Powell, Village Creek Homeowners Association; Lt. Paul Resnick, Norwalk Police Department, Nathan Sumpter, South Main Street, Brian Stobbie, District 95/7,

STAFF: Connie Blair, Customer Service

CALL TO ORDER

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

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The following correction was noted:

On page 2, last paragraph, the spelling of Marcia Powell's last name was corrected.

The minutes were approved.

Brian Stobbie of District 95/7 provided the group with a PowerPoint presentation and narrative of the twelve acre planned development situated adjacent to the Norwalk Harbor and historic South Norwalk. District 95/7 plans call for a million square foot mixed use complex to be built by Spinnaker Real Estate Partners. This will be a socially vibrant and environmentally mindful community consisting of ample office space which will be able to accommodate the needs of almost any tenant.

District 95/7 will contain a diverse mix of local, regional and national retailers. The shops will not only serve the residents and workforce of the neighborhood, but will also create a regional draw from the surrounding communities of Darien, Westport, Fairfield and New Canaan. District 95/7 will also include numerous homes, both for sale and for rent.

An agreement was struck between the City of Norwalk and the District 95/7 developer in which a percentage of the construction work would be eligible to minority and women run businesses. Nathan Sumpter inquired as to the timing and engagement of these subcontractors. His concern was that many of the major construction firms involved come on board with a list of subcontractors, which may pose a problem for the women and minority small business subcontractors'. He indicated that the selection process

worked well in Hartford, but not so well in Bridgeport. He would like to see that it works favorably in Norwalk.

Gordon Sweeny wanted reassurance that the new buildings would be well maintained for years to come.

Connie Blair of Customer Service presented the Yard Waste Collection Guidelines and related Public Works information as a handout.

The meeting adjourned at 11:10 a.m.

Submitted by
David L. Shockley

