

Glenbrook Neighborhood Association

General Meeting Minutes, January 16, 2013

Meeting called to order at 7:30 pm. Attendance was 50.

Linnea McManus, Board Member, moved to approve the minutes of the September 2012 meeting. The motion was seconded and the vote was unanimous to approve.

Christie Fountain, President, mentioned the importance of patronizing our GNA member businesses and increasing awareness of the GNA in our community.

Dan Bivona, Vice President, gave a brief overview of the GNA Facebook page which currently has 101 members, stating that he is open to suggestions about what people would like to see on the Facebook page. Dan offered to show people what GNA Facebook and website look like.

Anita Kozminsky, Membership Chair, discussed the GNA website, www.glenbrookassn.com. It is updated continuously, and Anita is always looking for feedback to help it improve.

In the treasurer's absence, Christie reported that we currently have \$7500 in the bank.

Christie reminded the group of what the GNA has been up to since September 2012. Highlights include our September meeting featuring People Friendly Stamford, our October meeting with Mayor Pavia, our Fall Cleanup event, December Tree Lighting in partnership with the Glenbrook Fire Dept., and the December Caroling Party to collect food for the Food Bank of Lower Fairfield County.

Christie discussed the ongoing graffiti problem around Glenbrook, stating that we are getting help from the CT Dept. of Transportation and **Dave Hoskins** at Karp's Hardware. We welcome any volunteers who wish to help find and eliminate graffiti.

Christie has been in touch with the attorneys for the CVS development on Hope Street. They are in the process of getting permits and will begin building in the spring. She also gave updates about some tenants who will be displaced.

Anne Goslin, Board Member, shared that we will be using the Wells Fargo \$1000 grant to arrange for the purchase and planting of 4-5 street trees in Glenbrook. Residents will be able to apply for a tree if they agree to maintain it. Information about the project will be posted on our website in about 1 month. Anne will mail the information to those without web access.

Christie mentioned that new ideas are needed to refurbish Pear Tree Hill at the intersection of Courtland Ave. and Taylor Reed Place, since the damage after Hurricane Sandy. Planting wildflowers is one idea.

Christie and **Laurie Doig**, Secretary, plan to arrange a celebration of the retirement of **Martin Schoenfeld** at Glenbrook Post Office.

Jay Fountain, Representative from City District 7, has been working with the city of Stamford to expedite repaving of Hope Street and vicinity after recent extensive utility work.

Christie has written a letter of support from GNA for the city's "Livability Solutions" grant involving transit-oriented development, since it pertains to the GNA's mission.

Christie introduced property owners **Carmine Tomas** and **Joseph Criscuolo**, who have purchased properties at 471 and 415 Glenbrook Road in our Village Commercial District.

Christie introduced other guests including:

- **Mark Bonasera**, Principal at Julia A. Stark Elementary School
- **Michael DeMilt**, President, Hubbard Heights Neighborhood Association
- **Mary Ammon**, of Belltown, organizing Barrett Park's improvement
- Capt. **Brian McElligott** of the Stamford Police Dept.
- GNA Business Members including **Dan Bivona** of Hot Tin Roof Salon, **Dave Hoskins** of Karp's Hardware, and **Joe Criscuolo** of Nick's Pizza/Bacco.
- Elected Officials, including **Mena Mallozzi**, Representative from City District 12, **Frank Cerasoli**, Representative from City District 15, **Dan Fox**, Representative from State District 148, **William Tong** from State District 147, and State Senator **Carlo Leone** (District 27), who is working on a Holly Pond initiative and is looking for interested volunteers.

Norman Cole, City of Stamford's Land Use Bureau Chief gave a lengthy talk on Glenbrook's Village Commercial District development and zoning, Transit-Oriented Development surrounding the Stamford train station and Urban Transit Way, and improvements to Crescent Street.

Polly Morrow of Stark School previewed the program for the GNA's March meeting, where representatives from the Audubon Society will discuss their "Audubon at Home" conservation program.

The meeting was adjourned at 8:45 for refreshments and conversation.

The next General Meeting will take place at 7:30 pm on March 20th, 2013, at the Glenbrook Community Center.

Submitted by,

Miriam Kliewe, acting Secretary, Glenbrook Neighborhood Association