

GNA Quarterly Meeting, March, 19, 2014
Glenbrook Community Center

CALL TO ORDER/WELCOME

The meeting was called to order at 7:35 by Christie Fountain, GNA President. 50 people attended. Many people brought gently-used picture books to donate to reading programs at Julia A. Stark Elementary School.

The minutes from the January 15 meeting (emailed to GNA members) were approved.

MEMBERSHIP REPORT - Anita Kozminsky

Current membership: 168 households and 50 businesses.

Christie made the following announcements:

Members curious about the GNA website and Facebook page could see GNA board members Anita Kozminsky and Mark Nowotarski after the meeting.

The Zoning Board has approved a 17-unit apartment building at 467 Glenbrook Road. This will be the first new construction in Glenbrook's VCD since the new zoning went into effect in 2009.

Mayor Martin's "Mayor's Night Out" at Lenny V's on February 24 was very successful. During the two hours he had 20 appointments and met with 30 people in all.

The Goody Clancy consultants held a Transit Oriented Development public meeting on March 18. Two issues discussed were parking at our train station and height restrictions in our VCD. Next meeting in May or June. Refer to website: glenbrookspringdaletod.org

Residents of Lenox Ave and neighboring streets met with CL&P representatives on March 18 regarding the tree trimming on their street.

The next Glenbrook clean-up and swap is scheduled for Saturday, May 10. GNA board members Laurie Doig and Zdenka Zeman will organize it. Dates TBD for graffiti removal and planting of sidewalk planters.

GNA will sponsor five new trees this spring, funded by a Wells Fargo grant. Applications are due April 20.

GNA member Erik Larson will head a committee to apply for a State grant to fund a historic resource survey of Glenbrook. More about this at the June 18 meeting.

NEW BUSINESS

GNA member Rolf Maurer read a statement in opposition to GNA accepting grant money from Wells Fargo Bank. Christie said a special committee will study the issue and report back at the June 18 Annual Meeting, where the members present will vote.

GNA business member Cheryl Henchar has offered to produce a monthly e-newsletter promoting Glenbrook businesses.

INTRODUCTIONS

Elected officials Jay Fountain (City Rep D-7), Carlo Leone (State Senator 27th District) and Dan Fox (State Rep 148th District) gave updates on their work in Stamford and Hartford.

Dr. Mark Bonasera, Principal of Stark School, gave a brief update about Stark School.

PROGRAM

The topic was the streetscaping project on Crescent Street to begin this spring. City Engineer Lou Casolo and Clerk of the Works Anthony Carolluzzi reviewed the improvements to be made during the 3-month long project.

- They are working with a \$1,000,000 budget.
- There will be a 4-foot sidewalk and a 3½-foot brick amenity strip between the sidewalk and the street.
- There will be trees in cast iron encasements and decorative illumination.
- The street will have two 11-foot wide travel lanes.
- Parking will be on the south side of the street only (2 of 17 on-street parking spots have been sacrificed.)
- The project is slated to begin in May and take 3 months to complete.
- New sidewalks will go the full length of Crescent from Taylor Reed to Glenbrook Road.

The meeting was adjourned at 8:35. Most people stayed to check out the map of Crescent Street, talk with one another, and enjoy cupcakes brought by Cheryl Henchar on behalf of her client Anna's Cakery.

The next meeting is the Annual Meeting on Wednesday, June 18. The program will be about the historic resource survey of Glenbrook.

Submitted by Laurie Doig