

GLENBROOK NEIGHBORHOOD ASSOCIATION  
March 18, 2015 Quarterly Meeting  
Glenbrook Community Center

**CALL TO ORDER/WELCOME**

The meeting was called to order at 7:30 pm by Christie Fountain, GNA President. 65 people attended.

Mike Batinelli made a motion to approve the minutes from the January 21, 2015 meeting (emailed to GNA members), which was seconded by Al Sgritta.

**MEMBERSHIP:** Currently 272 residential and 60 business members as reported by Anita Kozminsky.

**TREASURY:** Meryl McDaniel indicated the balance was \$6,650. (FY2015 ends June 30, 2015)

The GNA "clings" (decals) were available for a small donation to cover the cost.

**UPDATES/REVIEW OF OLD BUSINESS**

Erik Larson and Sheila Toner updated the Historic Resources Inventory project. The grant has been approved; next steps are a contract with the city and hiring a consultant. The first workshop to train volunteers is on April 8<sup>th</sup> at 7:30 pm at the Union Memorial Church.

Don Corbo updated the audience on:

- 467 Glenbrook Rd, which will be ready for occupancy in June.
- The Sport n Life building on Glenbrook Rd will get a redo on the facade and the new owner will occupy the warehouse in back. They are looking for a retail-type tenant for the front of the building, facing the street.
- Don met with the Policastro family and suggested they take out the bushes in front of the businesses on their Crescent St property. Al Sgritta suggested that perhaps the sidewalk could be increased a few feet by the telephone poles so there is room to fit a wheelchair or baby carriage.
- 55 Crescent Street's new owner will start moving into the building in the back of the property. There is hope that perhaps the front part of the parcel (currently used for storage) will be developed as part of the VCD.

Transit-Oriented Development (TOD) will release its final report/recommendations soon. See the back of the March agenda for details.

Glenbrook Road streetscaping: Christie announced there were no funds in the City's FY2015-2016 Capital Budget for continuation of streetscaping on Glenbrook Road. Next fall GNA will get involved earlier in the budget process for FY2016-2017.

People Friendly Stamford (PFS): See the back of the March agenda for an update from Jerry Silber. They urge people to attend the capital budget hearing on Tuesday, March 24<sup>th</sup>.

#### NEW BUSINESS/COMING UP

May 9<sup>th</sup> Spring Clean-Up and Neighborhood Swap: Linnea McManus and Becky Collins invited all to come and volunteer for the event. Glenbrook is looking particularly messy after this tough winter. The clean up will be at the train station from 9:00-Noon.

Pot Hole Week March 23-31: Mark Nowotarski advised everyone to report pot holes by phone or online. Please make sure you have an address with a number (123 Main St) on hand to report the location.

Graffiti arrest: Jay Fountain updated us on the arrest(s) of three individuals who have been having a tagging spree in Glenbrook and Springdale.

Street Tree Project: Anne Goslin will organize our third annual tree project. Please contact her for the application, or go to the GNA website and print it. This is for GNA members. Trees are planted on the “mowing strip” between the sidewalk and street.

City Carting has a temporary Certificate of Occupancy (COO) and has apparently passed requirements/testing for a permanent COO. The noise level testing was within parameters and containers have been repositioned to cut down on noise for neighbors. We hope to get a 24/7-hotline number from City Carting for complaints. Mickey Ferro also told Christie he will offer GNA a tour of the facility.

GNA will be pursuing complaints of mounds of snow this year blocking bus stops and crosswalks. This is a safety issue for many of our walkers.

GNA's tax-exempt status is in the process of being reinstated.

504 Glenbrook Rd: GNA will be hosting an Open Forum in April (TBA) to discuss the 3-story vs. 4-story change in the VCD application by the developer. Please make sure you attend so we can hear all of Glenbrook's opinions on this.

Julia A Stark Elementary School Principal, Mrs. Edith Presley, and Interim Asst Principal, Mr. Joe Claps, introduced themselves and gave us an update.

New residential and business members stood and were recognized. Elected officials were all attending other city meetings, but are listed on the website and handouts from meeting. It was announced that Dan Fox, State Rep for Dist. 148, has been in the hospital and is recovering at home. We signed a card for him.

Edith and Grace Targonski spoke about Pediatric Cancer Awareness. Grace will be shaving her head for the cause and you can go to her website to pledge. We will all be looking forward to seeing her new "do" at the May 9<sup>th</sup> Clean Up!

#### PROGRAM: PUBLIC SPACE PLANNER FOR STAMFORD-DOWNTOWN SPEAKS ON GLENBROOK POTENTIAL

Emily Provonsha spoke on what draws both young people and baby boomers to Stamford, as their issues are similar. Glenbrook offers the ability to stay in the community, perhaps in a smaller habitat; transportation choices; educational venues; mix of different jobs; shopping and walkability.

GNA was glad to hear it has already achieved many of the aspects Emily discussed. She recommended walking audits (similar to what was done downtown) to really look at Glenbrook and decide what GNA wants to pursue. We should pick small, visible items to tackle (like the tree planting that is done by GNA). She also applauded the upcoming survey of Glenbrook's historic resources.

Meeting was adjourned at 8:40 pm, with many residents staying for discussions and refreshments donated by Grade A.

Becky Collins,  
Recording Secretary