

GLENBROOK NEIGHBORHOOD ASSOCIATION
JUNE 17, 2015 Annual Business Meeting
Glenbrook Community Center

CALL TO ORDER/WELCOME

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

MEMBERSHIP: There are 284 residential and 61 business members as reported by Anita Kozminsky.

TREASURY: Meryl McDaniel indicated the balance was \$3,810 to bring forward to FY2015/2016. (FY2015 ends June 30, 2015) See handout for budget details.

UPDATES/REVIEW OF OLD BUSINESS

Spring Cleanup: Linnea McManus and Becky Collins reported the cleanup was a success with volunteers collecting litter from streets, weeding at the train station and general cleanup in and around Glenbrook. The dumpster and shredders were all filled to capacity. The swap was also a success, with many items finding new homes. The debut of the eyeglass/hearing aid-recycling container was also a hit.

Fall Cleanup: Save the date of Saturday, October 17, 2015.

Spring Planters: MaryAnn Mara and her volunteers cleaned and replanted the containers. They did a great job!

Tree Planting Project: This is postponed until the fall. Members can still apply for a free tree by contacting Anne Goslin and completing the application.

Historic Resource Inventory: In progress with volunteers hitting the sidewalks to gather data for the forms, which will be completed by August 1st. The next phase is research on the forms and volunteers are welcomed to join for this phase. Contact Sheila Toner if you have an interest.

Crescent Street project: Anyone using Crescent Street this spring was able to enjoy the first blooms of the trees planted last fall. Quite a difference!

Transit-Oriented Development (TOD): The consultants presented their final report and recommendations to the Planning Board on June 9. See the project's website for all visuals and reports: www.glenbrookspringdaletod.org

504 Glenbrook Rd: In May the Zoning Board approved a zoning change to allow height limit of four stories on this parcel. This will also apply to other new construction projects on large parcels in the Village Commercial District, based on the parcel's size and the number of parking spaces required.

467 Glenbrook Rd: The new apartment building is to open by the end of summer.

Courtland Avenue Intersection: This is still being studied by the city. We hope to have an update at the September GNA meeting.

Graffiti/Signal boxes: Volunteers are needed for graffiti removal. Please contact Christie Fountain if you are interested in volunteering.

GNA Branding: Laurie Doig, Zdenka Zeman and Miriam Kliewe were in charge of GNA's branding project all year. It included a new canopy, a new banner, vests, a new logo, and free "window clings" to help increase awareness of GNA.

06906 Outreach: At Linnea McManus's and Anita Kozminsky's initiative, GNA contacted new 06906 property owners before GNA's quarterly meetings to invite them to attend.

New Business

Crescent Street Plaza: This property at 69 Crescent Street is owned by Joe and Frank Policastro. Architect Christian Frye presented plans for renovation of the building and parking lot to give it a more unified look. The two garages will be repurposed for retail use. There will be mansard roofing, with a cupola in the center.

Annual Business Meeting

A motion was made to approve the March 2015 minutes. Motion was approved by Susan Baldwin and Seconded by Debra Orzo. Green cards (voting members) also approved.

A motion was made to keep FY2015/2016 dues at \$10 per individual and \$25 for businesses. Motion was approved by Anne Goslin and Seconded by Meryl McDaniel. Green cards approved.

A motion was made to suspend the term limit by-law in order to have Christie Fountain continue as President for another term. Motion was approved by Joe Gonzales and Seconded by Gary Gepner. Green cards approved.

A motion was made to accept the slate of proposed board members (see blue handout). Motion was approved by Edith Targonski and Seconded by Louise Peterson. Green cards approved.

A motion was made for adoption of projected budget for FY 2015/2016 (see blue handout). Motion was approved by Kristine D'Elisa and Seconded by Sheila Toner. Green cards approved.

Introductions and Announcements

New, first time attendees for both individuals and businesses were recognized. Ernie Orgera, Director of Operations for Stamford, spoke on the Hands for Life training on September 26th at Westhill High School. They hope to train 10,000 people in this hands-only CPR method. Carlo Leone gave an update on what's happening on the state level, including his support of redesign of Courtland Ave intersection. Jay Fountain mentioned that taxes were going up, mainly because of the new school property purchase and renovations, and the new police station. He also mentioned volunteers are needed on August 28th to put up new playground equipment on Lawn Avenue. Contact Jay to volunteer.

Program

Everything you want/need to know about recycling was presented by Dan Colleluori, Stamford Supervisor of Solid Waste & Recycling and Mickey Ferro, City

Carting. Mickey updated the audience on the City Carting Hotline, which has been revamped for better service. The complaint/issue hotline number is 203-324-4090. Call re noise, odor, or driver complaints. Dan Colleluori went over items that can and cannot be recycled. The Stamford Recycling center on Magee Avenue has recycle areas for just about everything. Electronics, metals, brush, clothing bins for anything with fabric, etc. He mentioned there is a new recycling fee in CT of \$9 when you purchase a new mattress. There is a collection spot at Magee Avenue for clean mattresses. They are then sent to be taken apart and recycled. Dirty or bed bug mattress can continue to be put in designated garbage bins at Magee Avenue. Mr. Colleluori stressed that the more residents recycle, the better it is because it saves Stamford taxpayers money. For a complete list of what can be recycled, go to www.stamfordrecycles.org. He collected names of people who wish to receive his emails and newsletters.

The meeting was adjourned at 8:45 for refreshments (the annual 06906 cake donated by Grade A) and conversation.

Becky Collins,
GNA Recording Secretary

Attached: Board and Projected Budget for 2015-2016 Fiscal Year