

GLENBROOK NEIGHBORHOOD ASSOCIATION
Quarterly Meeting, Wednesday, JANUARY 18, 2017, 7:30pm
Glenbrook Community Center

CALL TO ORDER/WELCOME

Christie Fountain, GNA President, called the meeting to order at 7:30.

MEMBERSHIP REPORT - Anita Kozminsky: 232 residential and 59 businesses

TREASURY REPORT: Meryl McDaniel reported the bank balance is \$4K

OLD BUSINESS/UPDATES:

- The Sept 21, 2016 meeting minutes were approved.
- Meet Up: Next two are February 9 and March 9, 6:00pm, at Tavern489.
- Becky Collins/Linnea McManus gave a recap of the fall cleanup and the hot chocolate given out at the Christmas tree lighting. Both events were successful.
- MaryAnn Mara thanked the Good Samaritan who removed the “frozen” mums from sidewalk planters.
- Historic Resources Inventory has a new consultant, Rachel Carley. A Sunday Open House is planned for January 29th at Union Memorial Church library 1-3 pm.
- The tree-planting project (no cost to GNA members) was postponed until spring because of the watering ban. This year the City will do the planting.
- April will be the next City Carting Tour of the recycling operation. Let Christie know if you are interested.
- GNA decals are available from Laurie Doig.
- Courtland/Taylor Reed/Maple Tree intersection: Cross walks/lights yet to be added.
- Village Commercial District (VCD): 504 Glenbrook is progressing on schedule, with its steel beam structure visible. Mike Batinelli, head of the Stamford Neighborhood Coalition, spoke on the 45 Church St application for zoning change to VCD that would allow conversion of all office space to residential (30 apartments total) in this building. Zoning Board has approved the map change to VCD; the Coalition is appealing the decision.

COMING UP

- Neighborhood Grants Program deadline is Feb 15th and GNA will apply.
- Two “Welcome to Glenbrook” signs damaged on Glenbrook Rd (gone) and Colonial Rd. Estimates are needed to repair the Colonial Rd sign. It will be \$2,000 to make a new sign to replace the Glenbrook Road sign.
- Crescent Street is missing three trees and a lamp post. The lamp post and the tree nearest the train station parking lot will not be replaced, as they have been repeatedly struck by vehicles.
- Glenbrook Fire Dept., Chief Frank Passero, spoke on the 100-year anniversary of the fire company, originally called New Hope Fire Company. He also said they are recruiting volunteer firefighters to replace the six who were hired last year by Stamford as career firefighters.
- Capital Budget has new \$300,000 line item for small projects (called “easy fixes”

by Traffic Engineer Robert Zaitooni) to improve pedestrian safety, such as making it safer for train commuters to walk along Glenbrook Road to the station. With the full support of the GNA Board, Christie will speak in favor of the line item at the January 24 Planning Board public hearing.

INTRODUCTIONS AND ANNOUNCEMENTS

- First time members, business members and visitors stood and were welcomed.
- Elected officials present were Monica Di Costanzo (D-7), Lindsey Miller (D-7), Jonathan Jacobson (D-15), and State Reps Dan Fox and Caroline Simmons.
- Announcements: GNA member Rob Beltran, Citizens Public Safety Academy; Sue Iacovacci/Regan Allan, Julia A Stark Elem School celebrating its 90th year and holding its Starry Night fundraiser evening on March 9; Tracey Alston spoke on SilverSource; and Christie announced 0 ȷ Ta1wa's one-year anniversary celebration on Wednesday, January 25th.

PROGRAM

Alice Knapp, President of Ferguson Library spoke on how the library could better serve Glenbrook residents in the future. She spoke of the many "interrupters" that have forced changes in the traditional library.

The meeting was adjourned at 8:30 and all were invited to stay to talk and to enjoy refreshments donated by Grade A.

Submitted by Becky Collins, Recording Secretary, January 20, 2017