

GLENBROOK NEIGHBORHOOD ASSOCIATION
Fifteenth Annual Meeting
June 18, 2014
Glenbrook Community Center, Gymnasium

The meeting was called to order at 7:38 by Christie Fountain, GNA President. 55 people attended. Those attending for the first time introduced themselves.

OLD BUSINESS/UPDATE

- Spring clean-up/swap and flowers planted on May 17.
- Planting of 17 new trees around Glenbrook Memorial Day weekend.
- Members could check out the GNA website/facebook page on Mark Nowotarski's laptop after the meeting. The GNA currently has 185 friends on facebook.
- Transit Oriented Development final meeting TBA.
- Rolf Mauer gave a short re-cap on his opposition to the GNA accepting a grant from Wells Fargo Bank. Christie reported that no new grant has been offered. If it is offered then the GNA members will devote time at a meeting to consideration of the issue.
- Dr. Bonasera, Principal of Julia A. Stark Elementary School, reviewed the school year.
- GNA has commissioned a local artist, Silvia Fernandez-Stein, to paint the signal box across from Stark School.
- The annual printed newsletter will be mailed out to all Glenbrook residents in September.
- The GNA is considering an electronic newsletter promoting local businesses. The prototype is in development by Cheryl Henchar.
- New CVS opened May 25, ahead of schedule.
- New train station canopy project was completed in April.
- Crescent Street streetscaping project began in late April and is on schedule.

ANNUAL MEETING BUSINESS/COMING UP

- The minutes from our last membership meeting which had been emailed to GNA members were approved.
- Treasury: \$5,400 will be carried over into the next fiscal year, beginning July 1, 2014.
- Membership: 173 residential addresses and 51 businesses.
- Unanimous acceptance of changing dues to \$10 per individual.
- Unanimous acceptance of change in by-laws.
- Unanimous acceptance of the projected budget.
- Unanimous acceptance of proposed slate of GNA board members. Gloria Battenelli and Dan Bivona stepping down. Michael Battinelli and Becky Collins will join. Becky will become the recording secretary while Laurie Doig will become the vice president.

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INTRODUCTIONS AND ANNOUNCEMENTS

- Business members, Mr. C, Cheryl Henchar, Ted Welte, and Rev. Blaine Edele introduced themselves.
- Elected officials William Tong, Carlo Leone, Dan Fox, Jay Fountain, Monica Di Costanzo, and Frank Cerasoli introduced themselves and spoke briefly.

PROGRAM

Panelists were Wes Haynes, Executive Director of Historic Neighborhood Preservation; Gerry Katz, Grants Coordinator for the City of Stamford; Erik Larson, GNA member and Grants Coordinator for the Stamford Community Development Office; and Anne Goslin, GNA member and member of the Historic Preservation Advisory Commission for the City of Stamford. Wes Haynes explained what a Historic Resources Inventory is, and why certain sections of Glenbrook might eventually want to apply for historic designation.

The meeting was adjourned at 8:40 and members stayed for 06906 cake donated by Grade A and conversation with fellow members, elected officials and program panelists.

Laurie Doig, Recording Secretary

Included on next page: Bylaws revisions

Emailed as separate attachment: pdf of GNA Board and Budget for FY2015

ARTICLE IV Officers

Section v.

Treasurer—The Treasurer shall receive all monies due and keep an accurate account of receipts and expenditures. The Treasurer will be responsible for all bank deposits, shall co-sign with the President all checks and/or drafts upon the funds of the GNA; shall present financial reports at each meeting of the Board of Directors and of the GNA; in consultation with the President, arrange for an annual audit of the books; shall be responsible for maintaining the organization’s 501(c) (3) status, and the filing of all required tax forms; and perform such other duties as may be assigned by the President.

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ARTICLE VI Meetings

Section b.

A call to the Annual Meeting shall be sent by the Corresponding Secretary to each member at his/her address (postal or email) as it appears in the records of the organization ~~Corresponding Secretary of GNA~~, not less than ten days or more than twenty-one days prior to the date of the Annual Meeting.

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ARTICLE X. Amendments of the Bylaws

Section a.

These Bylaws may be amended by a three-fourths (3/4) vote of members present and voting at any regular meeting or Annual Meeting, provided that notice shall be given not less than ten days or more than twenty-one days prior to the date of the meeting. The organization ~~Corresponding Secretary~~ shall mail/email a notice of such proposed amendment to each member with the notice of the meeting.

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