

MINUTES OF HILLSIDE NEIGHBORHOOD ASSOCIATION

Hillside Historic District Neighborhood Association
Waterbury, Connecticut

Executive Board Meeting of February 5, 2002

ATTENDANCE:

Attending: Josh Angeles, Joe Reynolds, Moses Riddick, Marianne Vandenburg, Maxine Watts.

Meeting called to order at 6:00PM at UConn Library - Hillside Avenue Campus, Josh Angelus, President presiding..

CORRESPONDENCE:

None

No votes were taken, and the business centered around a general discussion of general membership meetings and process of meetings in general.

NEXT MEETING: March 5, 2002.

The meeting adjourned at 7 PM.

Respectfully submitted,
Joe Reynolds
Secretary

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General Membership Meeting of February 5, 2002

The General Membership Meeting of the Hillside Historic District Neighborhood Association was called to order at 7:00 PM. by President Josh Angelus.

ATTENDANCE:

David Walford, Shirley Walford, Joe Reynolds, Eleanor Herbst, Maxine Watts, Josh Angeles, Moses Riddick, Bernadette Riddick, Hazel O'Neil, Marianne Vandenburg, Bill Moran, Marie Hayes, Officer Tim Baschand, and Mike Gilmore.



NEIGHBORHOOD OFFICERS REPORT:

Officer Tim Baschand, responding to continued complaints about vice and other aspects of the Police Department not doing enough about the prostitutes researched the departments complaint logs.

Between Dec 14, 2001 and Jan 4, 2002 only 10 complaints were logged.

One was at 6 am, one was at 1:30 pm, and the rest were after 5 pm.

He strongly advised residents to call them in every time they see one, as the more complaints, the greater the response will be.

New computers are now in Waterbury cruisers giving officers online access for ID and warrant checks, and also provides pictures of anyone with a prior.

Abandoned cars can still not be taken off private (abandoned) property as Towing contracts do not provide for payment of such. This is a new problem since the towing contracts were changed from the political appointment system to bids and contracts. City continues to work with the towing contractors and the contracts.

Motor vehicles are being stopped in Hillside for vehicle checks and loud music. Our neighborhood officer has also been working in the area with Department of Motor Vehicles conducting DMV spot checks and setting up checkpoints in the city.

Buildings at the corner of Willow and Hillside, Lower Cooke Street and Linden Street have been taken to court for blighted property.

An illegal car shop is in operation on Linden Street across from the old State Welfare Office building.

An arrest in the Willow Plaza area resulting from a routine stop, resulted in the arrest of a 28 year old male last Friday (Feb 1, 2002). He is also the individual responsible for a number of burglaries in the area.



TREASURER'S REPORT:

No treasury activities during this period.

Regarding the Service Charge imposed on us by Webster Bank, discussion with the bank has rectified the issue and Webster will be refunding \$44.53 to the Hillside account.

Our account remains with Webster Bank.

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EDUCATION COMMITTEE REPORT:

February 2, 2002 meeting.

Members: Marianne, Shirley, Joe, Maxine, Adele .

The main outcome of the discussion at this meeting is the evolution of the planning process for an oral history project of the neighborhood, its dwellings and residents both past and present in collaboration with the Mattatuck Museum.

Meeting is scheduled for Feb 12, 2002 at the House on the Hill Bed and Breakfast and Marie Galbraith of the Mattatuck Museum will be invited to explore common program interests and potential of outside funding sources.

Other concepts floated at the Education Committee meeting were collaborating with Mattatuck museum for quarterly programs for housing renovation vs. housing restoration, linking with the Waterbury Region and Visitors Commission for some type of Home Show in downtown "Flex Space", and secure grant monies or raise other funds to purchase books on historic homes and restoration techniques and donate them to the Silas Bronson Library.



HEALTH COMMITTEE REPORT:

Only three persons remain to serve on this committee: Ellie, Josh and Hazel. Ellie will also be unavailable until the end of tax season.

Health committee will be merged with Public Safety to form a new committee "Public Safety and Health". No other activities reported.



PUBLIC SAFETY:

Letter going out reminding people to use outdoor lighting and inform them where to obtain inexpensive energy saving lighting.

Committee is planing to work with the city to take care of "John's" as part of a Police expansion.

Will be speaking with the Mayor about departments of the city working in harmony to better serve our neighborhood.

Bill has been talking with Corporation Counsel and "Cara" about enforcement of existing laws.

The old precinct station on Willow Street is not operated by Willow Plaza and is available for meetings by calling Rafael.



HOUSING COMMITTEE REPORT:

Housing has had one meeting to date.

Adele suggested an Historic Designation of a small area of Hillside to start with and discussed monies available for facade work to these historic homes.

Next meeting Thursday at 7 pm at Neighborhood Housing.

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BY-LAWS COMMITTEE:

A new By-Laws Committee was established and consists of Marianne Vandenburg, Joe Reynolds, Maxine Watts, Joshua Angelus and Shirley Walford.
Anyone wishing to suggest changes may contact any of the above persons.



NEIGHBORHOOD COUNCIL REPORT:

Council has same officers as last year with the change of Josh as Secretary.
Two Council members will be seated on the Naugatuck Valley Development Commission (NVDC) Board:
BettyJane Wesson and Greg Everett.
Council is in the process of becoming non-profit.
Looking for a Clean City grant.



OLD BUSINESS:

Discussion of meeting with the Mayor at the March 5 2002 meeting.
Three issues to be discussed:

- **Hillside Campus of UConn and its transition to the rabbinical school.** focusing on historic preservation, neighborhood access, maintenance of grounds and buildings.
Lease for the new school to be secured before meeting for neighborhood review.
- **Community Police and vehicles** for these officers throughout the coming year
Focusing on continued level of existing services, possibly expanding same.
Condition and availability of Police vehicles in the coming city fiscal year (July1, 2002 thru June 30, 2003)
- **Litter and Trash issues**
Enforcement of the litter ordinance
Signs - Enforcement - Sewers full of trash

NEW BUSINESS:

Eleanor Herbst unanimously voted to become the third Hillside representative to Neighborhood Council.
Mike Gilmore discussed sidewalks to be paved with Community development funds this year.
Prospect street remains on the list from last year and the following streets were recommended for review:
Pine Street to Columbia Blvd.
Hillside from Willow to Pine
Second Avenue

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Woodlawn Terrace
Buckingham Street Pine to Frederick
Blighted building demolition will continue, but the process will now be put out to bid.

April Meeting at Dreschers Restaurant.

6pm dinner 7pm general membership meeting

Order off the menu. pay your own.

Meeting adjourned at 8:45PM.

Respectfully submitted,
Joseph A. Reynolds, Jr
Secretary