

January 2019 Meeting Minutes

Date: 1/14/2019

Members in Attendance: Anthony Carrano, Kristin Clemens, Ted Stepanoff, Rob Notley, Stephen Galyas, Ken D'Arinzo

The meeting began at 7:38pm.

Treasurer's Report

Ken presented the meeting attendees with the current check balance. We received approximately \$3,200 in dues during the Annual Meeting and Holiday Party. The Board members approved the report. The board discussed the idea of switching to another bank upon the start of Kristin's term as the new treasurer. Ken, Anthony, and Brian will send Kristin information that she may need to initiate the transfer to a new bank, and Ken will send Stephen information regarding dues paid by West Norwalk residents so he can update our database.

Anthony offered to take over responsibility of the P.O. Box. The Board approved of this change.

Annual Holiday Party 2018

Overall, the meeting attendees were satisfied with the 2018 Holiday Party. Approximately 108 people attended the party. Some positive feedback regarding the holiday party were: the atmosphere at the Oak Hills Restaurant on the Green was nicer than it was at the 2017 party; the quality of the food provided by the staff was of higher quality than what was provided at the 2017 party; and party attendees were more inclined to mingle at last year's venue than at the 2017 party. Anthony mentioned that LaKota Oaks is eager to work with us next year when we decide on a venue for the 2019 Holiday Party. Anthony took a tour of LaKota Oaks and filled in the meeting attendees of the renovations taking place; the Board believes that it will be a strong contender for next year's party.

Neighborhood Updates/Issues

We received a letter in the mail from a resident with a neighborhood concern. The board will look into this issue and be in touch with the resident, and will report back on the progress of the issue at next month's meeting.

9 Rising Road: the concerned neighbor has continued to complain to the city about the firetruck and wood-burning stove on the premises. Ken informed the meeting attendees that, as of this meeting, the resident has been given a cease-and-desist letter regarding the firetruck, and the wood-burning stove is legal.

Fillow Street Car Detailing Company: the property's residents have cleaned up the property and fixed the front stairs. We are not sure if the business is still being conducted. The Board will continue to keep an eye out for news regarding this concern, and will report any updates at next month's meeting.

7 Forest Hill Road: no progress has been made with the nursing home. Anthony spoke to the mayor and told him that he feels there needs to be clearer guidelines regarding what type of business can be ran out of a home/when it is appropriate. Several of the meeting attendees discussed similar concerns that they have had near their houses.

Residents have reported that there is a house on Weed Avenue with a “junk yard” in the backyard. No progress has been made, but Anthony says that the city is working on this issue.

Ted believes that we should suggest to neighbors that they continue to follow up on these issues with the city, so the urgency of the issues is increased and resolved at a faster rate.

CNNA/POCD

There will be a POCD meeting tomorrow, January 15th, and next Tuesday, January 22nd. Stephen will send email blasts and schedule Facebook posts to inform the neighbors of these events.

Berkshire Hathaway

Anthony received an email from Berkshire Hathaway regarding a seminar that reviews how to fight one’s property taxes. The Board discussed if we should send this information to our contact list via an email blast.

Officers

Effective today, January 14th, 2019, the West Norwalk Association officers are as follows:

- President: Anthony Carrano
- Vice President: Ken D’Arinzo
- Treasurer: Kristin Clemens
- Secretary: Stephen Galyas

Stephen will update the officer information on our website.

February Mailing

Anthony is going to create a draft of a February mailing that will be sent to all residents of West Norwalk. In this mailing, we will discuss the four quality-of-life issues that were brought up to, and worked on by, the West Norwalk Association, as well as the importance of neighbors paying their annual West Norwalk Association dues. The Board will decide on the mailing date and discuss the printing and mailing costs at next month’s meeting.

Spring Social

LaKota Oaks is eager to host our spring social, but several Board members were concerned about how this may impact our relationship with the Restaurant on the Green. A potential date for this event is sometime in May. Rob asked if we will be having this event on the weekend, rather than one night during the work week. The Board will discuss potential dates as we approach the month of May.

The meeting was adjourned at 8:34pm.