

Stratfield Historic District Association

Date: Monday, September 19, 2016

Place: Margee & Dave Judge residence, 51 Brooklawn Place

Meeting called to order 7:45 PM by SHDA President Margee Judge

In attendance:

Bette Huckabee, Chris Russo, Howard Raabe, Dave Judge, Diego Chachques, Milan Bevon, Susan Tabachnick, Judy Shanner, Steve Farrell, Margee Judge, Joyce Glasgow, Guy Horvath, Kay Walshe, John Walshe, Sal DiNardo, Dom Dias, Ivelis Reyes, Frank Borres, George Wiles, Marilyn Moore, Qui Tran, Thang Tran, Justin Flores, Vivian Fernandez, **Mr. Thangranh** (lovely man that came to my house) *cannot make out full name*.

INTRODUCTIONS OF ALL MEMBERS PRESENT

Motion to have Judy and Ivelis proxy for Kathleen, as Secretary, in her absence for this meeting. Motion seconded.

REVIEW OF MINUTES

Howard Raabe moved that minutes of the August meeting be accepted. Ivelis Reyes seconded, motion carried.

TREASURER'S REPORT

Evie reviews balances (no activity, with all remaining the same from the previous month). Memberships and funds will be updated for next month's meeting. No additional questions or queries. Howard Rabbe motioned to accept Treasurer's Report, David Judge seconds. Motion carried.

175 BROOKLAWN AVENUE

Margee re-introduces Sal DiNardo and Dom Dias from the Nexus Sober House. Gives a short synopsis of last month's successful meeting with both gentlemen. Nexus House is an official paid member of SHDA.

SHD COMMISSION JOB DESCRIPTION

No applicants for the position to date.

HOUSE PLAQUES

Judy Shanner shares more information as to status of Plaque creation. Plaque blanks have arrived and artwork is complete. Vinyl lettering to be ordered. Susan Tabachnick makes distinction between SHDA wood plaque and National Trust Plaque sponsored by the state of CT. Evie will share (via Kathleen) link to National Trust Plaque site for purchase by interested SHDA members.

MONTHLY LITTER CLEAN UP

Successful September Clean up including Nexus House (Dom and Sal's) participation.

Frank Borres addresses members and gives the following update on TASK Clean-up:

- Pending meeting with John Gomes from the city
- Need to partner with the city and have a more effective "reach-out initiative".

- Suggestions from the floor included poster contest, school principals leading “clean-up” assemblies within their schools, SHDA members giving slide presentations to youth groups, etc. was offered by George Wiles.
- Target business owners. Amodex (Stain Remover) owner, Daisy is enthusiastic.
- Signage in all forms is impactful: on garbage cans, parks, lawns.

New Clean-up Committee is formed.

- **Members include:** Frank Borres, Chris Russo, Diego Chachques, Kay Walshe, Margee Judge, Michael Smith, possibly Joyce Glasgow. Judy Shanner willing to help with messaging, publicity etc. (but not an official committee member.) Margee Judge will call a meeting.
- **Next Clean-up Day** is Oct 8th, 2016, meet at 9am at Clinton Park

NEW ISSUE: ILLEGAL ROOMING HOUSE on Hazelwood Ave.

Vivian Fernandez and neighbors (Justin Flores & Qui & Thang Tran) shared anecdotes of the “horrible & illegal” conditions of a rooming house, (190 Hazelwood), owned by an absentee landlord, that has become a detriment to the SHDA neighborhood and beyond. Vivian provided actual photos which were passed to the floor members.

Included her exchanges with Police Dept PoCs (Chief Perez and Detective Cummings) who were aware of the criminal activities.

- Frank Borres and Chris Russo offered their immediate assistance in both legal & government agencies. (Continued conversation offline with Vivian & neighbors).
- George Wiles strongly suggested we need a Police liaison for our SHDA/ Community.
- Marilyn Moore urged to continue to build relationships with our local representatives to further expand our reach. She volunteered to speak with John Olson and Evette Brantley, encourage them to attend our meetings.
 - Councilperson is our best and most direct link to Chief Perez
 - She confirmed that 29 new officers had just graduated the Bridgeport Police Academy
- Margee added that P.O. Chuck Diez patrols our district. “Ezekiel” may be our District Rep.

New “190 Hazelwood” Committee is formed.

- **Members include:** Frank Borres, Margee Judge, Vivian Fernandez, Chris Russo, Justin Flores, Qui & Thang Tran

OFFICIAL SHDA WEBSITE

Chris Russo and Justin Flores join Judy Shanner in leading the effort of building an SHDA website to raise the SHDA profile and enable many capabilities not supported by our current Facebook page, including community calendar, library of downloadable information on the district, contact forms etc. Woodpress is mentioned as a formidable and effective platform to utilize. Judy Shanner will call a meeting of the committee.

MISCELLANEOUS

Margee announces that Colorblends (corner of Clinton & North) is offering 30% off bulbs to Stratfield Historic District members.

Speedbumps on Briarwood and other areas are addressed as a future point of discussion.

Margee mentions what specific issues can be addressed with the Parks & Recreation Dept.

Marilyn Moore extends her assistance, as both an advocate and state legislator.

Evie collected dues from new members and current members (\$130 Total). Collected (1) paid Plaque order from Guy Horvath. (\$30)

Evie collected T-Shirt order (14 pieces).

Neither Officer Diez nor John Gomes arrived at the meeting to address the group.

Next Meeting set for Monday, Oct 17th at 7:30pm at 44 Brooklawn Place, Residence of Diego Chachques & Milan Bevon

Howard Raabe motioned for adjournment, Ivelis Reyes seconded, motion carried.

That's all folks ...