

BYRAM NEIGHBORHOOD ASSOCIATION
MEETING July 20, 2009
7pm
ST PAUL'S FELLOWSHIP HALL
286 DELEVAN AVENUE

MINUTES

Meeting started at 7pm

Officers and committee chairs present were Mike Bocchino, Pastor Perling, John Bowman, Paul Pugliese, Jo Conboy

Mike Bocchino noted that minutes from the prior meeting were not available at the meeting and he would update to the website. No objections.

Mike Bocchino announced that the next meeting was tentatively scheduled for October 26th pending availability of Greenwich selectman candidates to speak at the meeting. Mike asked anyone with proposed questions for the candidates to send them to him.

Announcements:

- Wed. night concerts at Roger Sherman Baldwin Park have started.
- Adult programs at Byram Shubert Library are Thursday nights at 6:30

Jo Conboy gave an update on the Lyons House:

- The original Lyons house group formed The Greenwich Preservation Trust, and Lyons house is their first project.
- Website is <http://greenwichpreservationtrust.org/>
- The group is seeking donations and T-shirts are available for a \$25 donation.
- The house was originally thought to be built in 1609. Volunteers are working on the house and reviewing the materials to verify the dates of different modifications to the house.
- Plans are to move the house closer to Byram School to allow better access.

GPD Update

Officer Hirsch was not available. Mike Bocchino noted:

- GPD has warrants out for two suspects from the Bronx in the recent car and home break-ins in Byram. They expect an arrest soon.
- GPD also suspects three Greenwich males, two black, one white with sandy hair in other recent auto break-ins. The three travel on bicycles. If anyone sees these three they should contact GPD.

Any issues for GPD can be reported to Officer Hirsch or Mike Bocchino.

Master Plan Committee Update by Paul Pugliese

- Church St. park work went out for bids, one has been chosen and work is scheduled to start mid-August.
- P&Z is still working on the Byram Master Plan
- The DPW site park funds were not continued in the budget and that project will be delayed for one year.

Byram River Committee Update by Jo Conboy

- Paperwork was not done on time to get funding for Army Corp of Engineers to do a \$1.5mm study on flood protection.
- Jo Conboy will update the BNA at the appropriate time so those concerned can lobby US Reps and Senators for the funding.

Greenwich-Westchester Task Force Update by Mike Bocchino

- Mike met with Port Chester Town Administrator Russo to open a line of communication with Port Chester. Mike is trying to get cooperation with Port Chester to improve the Byram through-truck traffic by getting signs directing trucks to use the Port Chester I-95 exits.
- The Abendroth/Mill St. traffic light synchronization issue was also discussed.
- Mike asked for comments on putting a left turn signal at Mill/Water for cars coming into Byram from Port Chester.
- Port Chester was hoping to get some funds from Greenwich for a traffic study of the area.

John Bowman updated on Tolls

- John represented BNA at Norwalk Toll Study hearing
- According to the CT TSB study, 14,000 cars/day would “divert” from I-95 if a toll was put up at the border.
- Toll would be all-electronic with no cash lanes.
- John will monitor legislative progress on this issue and alert Mike if there is a need for lobbying against the tolls.

Mike asked for volunteers to work on membership drives and fund raising for BNA projects and causes. Those interested should contact Mike.

Meeting ended at 8:40.

Minutes Submitted by John Bowman