



Hill and Harbour Neighborhood Association
East Greenwich, Rhode Island

HHNA Meeting Minutes
October, 10 2023 EGPD Community Room, 6:30PM

Chair: Bob Jordan
Vice Chair: Michael Brennan
Treasurer: James Cederberg
Secretary: Amanda Yvonne Galmiche
Membership: Sara Doherty & Elizabeth Roy

Present: Bob Jordan, Amanda Galmiche, Elizabeth Roy, Michael Brennan
Absent: James Cederberg, Sara Doherty

- Call to Order
- Approval of Minutes - Minutes Approved for 9/12/23 HHNA Meeting
- Committees
- Old & New Business

The Board discussed an overview of the progress with committees. Some committees were skipped as they are not relevant to current events. The Minutes include all committees discussed.

Friends of Academy Field: FOAF Chair Amanda stated that this committee had a meeting on 9/29/23 at 7PM. Attendees (Amanda Galmiche & Carolyn Cure) agreed during the meeting that FOAF is likely best as an entity separate from HHNA because it is more of an advocacy group rather than a neutral party. HHNA board members who were present (Bob, Elle, & Amanda) agreed that this makes sense. The board will revisit this issue at the next meeting so that all leadership can be informed before an official decision is made.

Eldredge: Committee Chair Amanda Galmiche stated that there is a meeting for this committee coming up on 10/25/23 at 7PM at the EGPD Community Room. Amanda said she wants to gain clarification at that meeting about what the direction of the committee is and whether it makes sense to have it as a separate committee or whether it could be combined under Safety & Parking. The group agreed to revisit this after the committee meeting and when more HHNA board members are present at the next HHNA meeting.

London Street Underpass: Elle stated that this committee met the previous Wednesday at the actual underpass location. She said James gave updates about an overview of progress with the underpass. She said the committee plans to schedule a meeting with Andy Wade. She said the committee plans to wait until the spring to do any planting there and that James Gorham's Boy Scout troop could potentially be a good fit for helping with hands on maintenance and improvements to the underpass. Brendan McCarthy asked about what role Amtrak will play in regards to plans pertaining to the LSUP. The group stated that Amtrak owns it and that further information is needed to learn that plays into the proposed improvements and maintenance of the area.

Marketing & Design: Elle stated that this committee recently had a meeting and that they discussed issues pertaining to transitioning operations to the new board members. They also discussed options for pricing HHNA membership dues. Bob stated that he thinks HHNA membership pricing should be the same for businesses and households. He also stated concern that having business logos on the HHNA website. The group discussed these issues and agreed that charging businesses more would make sense if they got the benefit of having their logo on the HHNA website and other printed materials.

Fundraising: Jim Cederberg was not present at this meeting but sent an e-mail to the board informing them that he has been working on getting a Venmo account set up for collecting HHNA dues.

Halloween Event: Jim Cederberg also included in his e-mail that he secured the signatures from residents and insurance policy to permit street closure during Halloween event. Bob said we will be submitting proof of these items to the EGPD. Bob shared that Town Officials made it clear to him that the Halloween parade is a Town run event and the other HHNA festivities are not run by the town.

Safety & Parking: Elle shared that there is a meeting for this committee coming up in two weeks. (Oct 25 at 7PM). Amanda clarified questions from the general public about safety concerns around Eldredge with crosswalks. Leigh Curtin-Wilding stated that there are speeding issues around this area while children are getting out of Cole and Eldredge and that she thinks more pronounced crosswalks could be helpful.

Beautification/Mural: Bob explained that the mural project is being funded from previous year HHNA funds and that the Town is matching funds. He also shared that the mural will wrap around two sides of the building at Eldredge. He also shared that the call to artists hasn't officially been posted but will be after Andy Wade reports back with the official process needed to move forward. Leigh Curtin-Wilding suggested that Crestar Framing could be a great resource for finding artists. Elle stated that when the call to artists is officially out it will be made public through several media outlets.

Waterfront Study: Leigh Curtin-Wilding expressed that she would like to be part of this committee and she wants to stay in the loop about developments pertaining to the waterfront. She said her friend Anne also signed up for the committee. Bob explained that the link to the waterfront study is on the Town website. Brendan McCarthy shared that the waterfront study plans came to light under the new Town Planner taking his position.

Brendan McCarthy asked if there were any issues or developments regarding retail businesses in Town that could be of interest to the group. He asked about what happened recently regarding Slice & Co operating hours and Amanda explained that according to Instagram posts there was a clerical error in their business license filing that impacted their operating hours but that the Town was receptive to their concerns and the matter was clear up in a timely manner.

Elle asked about vacant retail spaces on Main Street and Michael Brennan explained that one space is going to be renovated to be used as a rooming house. He said the old Norm's space is supposedly going to be used as a restaurant.

Meeting adjourned.