

Norwalk Association of Silvermine Homeowners (NASH)

Meeting minutes for May 18, 2009

Respectfully submitted by Kathleen Karnell.

The meeting took place at 100 Comstock Hill Ave, the home of Lee Levey.

Board members in attendance: Leigh Grant, Lee Levey, Alex Modica, Eric Stokes, Leigh Finley, Christine Glidden, Kathleen Karnell, Linda Lee, Christine Glidden, Anne Carbone, Sue Palinkos

Absent: Brad Hotchkiss (CNNA meeting), Heather Dunn, Anne Carbone, Christine Names.

The meeting was called to order by Lee Levey, President

Acceptance of the previous meeting minutes: Accepted

Treasurer's Report:

Linda Lee stated that there might be a small discrepancy but there is an \$18,737 balance. We have now received the check from Ring's End and Alex has two additional checks that will add to the balance. Eric suggested that Linda bring us up to date on the budget for year end so that we will know what we have spent this year, etc. Linda will try to have the budget completed for our last meeting in June.

Website:

Alex reported that the site has been redone. Drop downs have been added, another cascade added as well. Kathy Karnell's name is still not on the site as a board member but this will be added. There is now a link for e-mail contacts that will go directly to Lee Levey and Alex. Also working on a map of Silvermine and the Mission Statement. We should all go to the website and see how it works on our computer. Although you should let Alex know if there are any issues, it is probably best to call the IT contact, Elpidio Pinto directly at (203) 545-0827 and he can work with you to get your system to read the site.

Membership Drive:

Alex reported that NASH has received \$3,425 so far for membership. We are pretty close to where we were last year and money is still coming in.

Report from the Mayor's Neighborhood Preservation Meeting:

No one was able to attend the meeting so nothing to report on.

CNNA Report:

Nothing to report. Brad is absent as he is attending the meeting the same time as our NASH meeting.

Interchange update:

Alex stated that everything is quiet at this time. Nothing new to report.

Historical Update:

Leigh Grant reported that we have been turned down on the Perry Avenue District. It was stated that the district had a lot homes that would not have qualified, i.e. that the old homes would not hold the district together. The Perry Avenue District project has been a long project. It began with an eligibility study that was rewritten. Additional historical information was obtained and the submission was rewritten again with a 20th century focus. They have now absolutely said no. Leigh does believe that the Silvermine District will go through. Phil, who has done the work on this in the past has now left his job and is in CA. Paul has hired a grad student to assist him in continuing the work on the Silvermine Center District. It was suggested that NASH try to get the Silvermine Center District completed and then move onto the Silvermine Avenue District. All were in agreement with this plan of action.

Comstock Hill Habitat/Park:

Lee Levey is still trying to set up a meeting for this project. Paul V., who is interested in the project, has a few Eagle Scouts that would volunteer to start cleaning up the area and identifying trees. Leigh Grant stated that we need to get feedback from the neighborhood, get a plan, etc. All were in agreement.

Silvermine Tavern:

Lee Levey reported that there may be a third party interested in the project, but nothing is really known at this point.

501(c) (3) Status:

Kathy Karnell and Lee Levey will continue to work on obtaining quotes to get the project going. Lee is obtaining a quote from Charles Harris, a local attorney. Kathy will confirm the quote from Michael Goldman.

DPW Projects:

Lee Levy stated that there is a list of streets that are scheduled. There is a bridge over the Norwalk River at Perry Avenue and Perry Ave/Main. We need an update on the bridge at New Canaan drive.

Meeting was adjourned.