

WEST HARRISON NEIGHBORHOOD ASSOCIATION

Minutes of Meeting: December 16, 2004, West Harrison Fire House

Attendance: 32

Opening:

The meeting was opened at 7:35pm by President **Fred Sciliano**. He welcomed all and introduced the President of the West Harrison Fire Department, **Tony Scavone**, who informed of the upcoming Town of Harrison, West Harrison Fire District, vote on a referendum to institute a pension plan for the volunteer fire fighters of West Harrison. He distributed a fact sheet and reviewed the specifics of the plan and asked for community support. He answered questions and discussed the issue.

Your secretary read the minutes and they were approved and accepted.

New Business:

- **Fred** announced that voting will take place at the end of meeting for 3 trustees.
- Sign up sheets for committees were circulated.
- **Fred** told of his attendance at the town board meeting and his comments on our interest in being updated about the park & streetscape renovations. He introduced himself informally as the president of our newly formed organization and the Mayor invited him back to formally present our group to the Town Board. They discussed funding for the project at the town meeting and there was a short discussion on that subject here. Fred discussed with us the scope of the work briefly and there was a short discussion from the floor on conditions and use of the ball field.
- Suggestion from the floor to eliminate the street, Veteran's Memorial Blvd., that separates the park from the grassy mall.
- A complaints were made on the parking of dumpsters on the sidewalk in front of the vacant Lake Farms Market on Madison, and on the roller skating rink on Underhill at the recreation center.
- **Fred** announced that **Chief of Police David Hall** will be our guest in January. And a suggestion was made to invite the Mayor next.
- **Lori** spoke of the need to staff committees, with members organizing and researching for plans of attack.
- Planning board meeting Tuesday night.

Old Business and Other Discussions:

- **Fred** announced that it was determined that the reported terrible odor from the area of the new White Plains bark park on Main St. was not from the park itself, but from pumping and drainage work being done at the nearby stream.
- He assured that we will keep abreast of the plans for the streetscape and park.
- He spoke of the premier issue, by far the greatest interest of the majority of members at the first meeting, being illegal housing. We must organize properly behind this issue so that something can actually be changed.
- There was a short ongoing discussion about the contributing problem to this issue of hearing judges not applying proper fines or consequences on violators.

- **Jeff** (treasurer) discussed the process of forming a formal organization. Dues will be set a \$15.00/yr for members, 18 to 64 yrs. Old, and \$10/yr. for those over 65.
- Short discussion on adding a school committee ended with tabling it for now.
- A few members thought that dues should be more.
- We will obtain a zoning book from the town to answer various questions such as one about how trucks can be parked in town, and how businesses can be run out of homes.
- Mention was made of a surprisingly large development being considered, 32 houses, for behind Woodside Avenue. Also of 6 houses being planned for Grant and illegal structures getting by.

Voting took place for the three **new trustees**. The results are:

Geraldine Barbagallo

Mario Gallo

Gregg Rosenberg

The meeting was closed at 9:05 pm. Next meeting is **Thursday, January 20, 2005**, at **7:30pm**, here at the West Harrison Fire House.

Respectfully submitted,
Angela Amodeo, Secretary