

WEST HARRISON NEIGHBORHOOD ASSOCIATION

MINUTES OF MEETING: October 15, 2008 West Harrison Fire House

Board members present: Gerri Barbagallo, Gregg Rosenberg, Mario Gallo, Angela Amodeo, Charlie Russo, Jo Ann King. Absent: Lori Wilson, Lisa Faillace-Sciliano, Jeff LaGrotte

Vice-President Gregg Rosenberg opened the meeting and welcomed all.

The **minutes** of **May 21 and September 17, 2008** meetings were approved.

Senior Committee: Ro Verano – (Gave credit to Charlie Russo and WHNA for coming up with the plan to put the carp into the lake to help clean up the bottom growth. The mayor announced the project being ready to go without any mention of that fact.) The committee will meet with Joe Cannella and Ron Belmont and Rocco next week. She gave a review of the committee's visit to the Port Chester senior center and described their program. In September, they met with a furniture manufacturer and will meet with another in their search for appropriate furniture for our new senior center building. They hope to be able to get round tables and padded chairs. Bingo board isn't in good condition and some senior members are upset that they are not replacing it. Speaking of grant money, when using such funds, programs must be run in a certain way, often open to the whole county or buying food at a county facility. New building is progressing nicely.

Planning & Zoning: Jo King – At the town board meeting on October 23, they will be introducing a new fine schedule for illegal housing and new parking regulations. Then they will hold a public hearing on the matter. Everyone is encouraged to go and represent the WHNA in this and show support for the increased fines. (Councilman Fred Sciliano said that it is very important that we support the fine increases at next Thursday's town board meeting, and to keep in mind that the judges have final say, but the public will be heard.) Jo plans on reviewing and tracking judicial decisions on cases of illegal housing.

Public Works/Traffic & Safety: Gerri Barbagallo – traffic on Lake Street in front of the firehouse will stay two ways. (Councilman Fred Sciliano gave some insight to the concern about the new large islands being installed at the Lake St. intersection by the Shell Station. It will be less awkward when finished.) Bus shelters have been taken down for the construction project, hopefully to be replaced.

Parks & Recreation: Charlie Russo – We have purchased and received the bell to be dedicated to the volunteer firemen and placed on the new divider across from the firehouse. Signage is being prepared for the Heritage Trail with design and costs. This is another way budgeted money raised is being put back into the community. Let us know your ideas. (Councilman Sciliano – pool progress – most of the drainage is in and buildings are going up – will have nice lawn areas – will be a beautiful site.)

Building Community & Fundraising: Mario Gallo – Tree Lighting will be December 5th with a rain date of December 7th and final plans are being worked out. We are waiting for the go-ahead from the mayor as to being able to still hold it considering the construction site. Dinner dance – looking to plan for the spring if it is the right thing to do at some point. (Floor comments asked for a more optimistic outlook.)

Youth Committee: Gregg Rosenberg – Gregg reported for Kelley Dolce. They discussed options like a dinner with movie, bus transportation to local restaurants, events here at Mintzer. Looking for free or reduce rate tickets to events and exploring other options. Maybe a Guitar Hero competition. Next committee meeting is October 20th. Halloween fright night will be held here at Mintzer and is being run by the Harrison Footlight players.

Discussions: Main St. project was discussed including whether the illegal driveways on the north side of Main St. will be removed. The word is that this probably is not going to happen. Residents on the south side will be getting a sidewalk and they are not happy about having to be responsible for keeping it free of snow.

Member of the Month was chosen – Fred Sciliano – and he was presented with a gift certificate to the Silver Lake Café Grill.

Next general meeting is **November 19th** at the **firehouse**.

Angela Amodeo, Secretary