

Frog Hollow

Neighborhood Revitalization Zone

Meeting minutes of August 20, 2019

Attendance: Steve Balcanoff, Aaron Gill, Mary Lee Morrison, Ronald Peasley, Dan Kiernan, Jesus Lopez, Lee McLean-Houle, Joe Barber, Julie Ann Robinson, Paige Berchet, Christopher Brown, David Enrique Cerucates-Sales, Janice Castle, LT. O. Santiago, Barry Kriesberg, Arianna Basche, Konnard Ray, Mark Jenkins, Robin Deutsch, Janes Jeter, Fernando Betancourt

The meeting began at 5:32 with introductions.

Review of Minutes from July's meeting. Fernand made the motion to approve, Joe seconded, motion passed.

I. Updates:

- A. HPD – Lt. Santiago reported on an emphasis to get police to spend more time out of their vehicles. Motor vehicle stops have increased over the past year, but there is a 42.5% reduction in crime. “Stopping small crime avoids larger crimes.”
- B. HFD – Lt. Lopez gave statistics for HFD responses.. He gave a reminder on getting free smoke detectors – spread the word. He also spoke of area surveys conducted by HFD to look at various properties, problem solving about approaches that might be needed should they have to respond to a call from that particular property.
- C. Love Your Block – Julie Ann and Paige reported on projects that will soon be completed and that the planning for the mural on the viaduct on Capital has begun.
- D. City of Hartford – Janice reported on Community Day at Dillon Stadium. Milling and Paving projects are happening, with Youth Service Corp going door-to-door to notify residents who will be impacted. She distributed materials including a one pager for residents to identify resources that might be available, and a Recycle list – Do It Right.

II. Announcement – SINA and Billings Forge will be supporting the FHNRZ by providing meals at future meetings. This is being done to encourage attendance and participation.

III. Membership/Bylaws report – Paige reported on the committee meeting discussions. The first goal is to confirm current voting members. An e-mail was sent out - 4 current members have not responded. Committee members will follow up with those individuals. Recommendations were made to wait until January to add or remove voting members from the list. Potential new members should attend 50% of the meetings from present until January, and that expectations for potential new

- members should also be listed in a Memorandum of understanding that states – a voting member shall attend 50% of the yearly meetings. Q + A, and discussion followed. A vote to endorse the recommendations was postponed, with a suggestion that the focus should be on recruiting new members vs removing absent members.
- IV. Robin and Mark reviewed the plans for a site to work with people addicted to opioids, providing treatment and support. They have identified the building on Park Street, the former WIC building as a potential site. They asked for the support of the NRZ. Joe made a motion to offer a letter of support, Chris seconded the motion. The motion passed.
- V. Subcommittee reports
- A. I-84 – holding pattern, per Aaron.
 - B. Hartford Next (formerly Hartford 2000) – no updates
 - C. Property Development – questions about Putnam Street to be looked into.
 - D. Youth Services Enhancement - temporary hiatus
 - E. Recruitment and Outreach – no updates
 - F. Traffic Circulation – Capital Ave, between Columbia and Lawrence will have striping and parking spots – 2 hour parking.
 - G. Employment Opportunities for Residents – no updates
 - H. Website – up and running
- VI. Adjournment – 7:05

Prepared by Steve Balcanoff