

Minutes

Fair Haven Management Meeting
295 Blatchley Ave. New Haven, CT 06513
April 6, 2017

- ❖ **Call to order:**
 - **Present:** LeAnne Brewer, Diane Ecton, Sally Esposito
- ❖ **Present City, State, and Federal Officials:** Robert Roberts, Giovanni Zinn, Santiago, Michael Pinto, Kenneth
- ❖ **Welcome and Introductions** **5 Minutes**
 - New attendees introduced themselves
- ❖ **Review/Approval of Meeting Minutes** **5 Minutes**
 - Moved and seconded to approve the minutes
- ❖ **Police Report – Sergeant Rene’e Dominguez** **10 Minutes**
 - Car breakins have been happening during the midnight hours
 - Lone individual caught on private surveillance cameras
 - Going through back yards and only targeting cars in private driveways
 - All the cars this week have been unlocked
 - Suggested that back or side lights be left on in a deterrent
 - Also seems to be targeting contractors and stealing tools and things along those lines
 - ◆ Important to write down serial numbers so stolen tools can be identified
 - Shooting recently
 - Man was shot in the chest and spent all day with the bullet in his chest
 - ◆ Claimed it happened on James St. but no one in the area heard or reported it
 - Trying to get ahead of the ATVs that are going to be coming as the weather gets warmer
 - If people know where they are coming from/going to let the police know so they can be identified without being pursued
 - Met with Becky Bombero from Parks
 - Got signs that say no parking sunset to sunrise
 - ◆ This will allow ticketing of illegal parking
 - Would like to move the management team meeting to Columbus School starting in May
 - Plenty of space and they also have a microphone which can be useful
 - Moved that we change the meeting place monthly to Christopher Columbus School
 - Seconded and passed
 - Community suggestion
 - Move the motorcyclist police with the speed radars to areas that are more residential
 - 234 Fillmore is getting out of hand
 - Will talk about this off line

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- ❖ **LCI Neighborhood Specialist – Laurie Lopez Johnson** **10 Minutes**
 - Decisions need to be made on how to spend the neighborhood improvement project money
 - Last year \$5k went to the emergency call box being installed on Grand and Ferry
 - Some went to the annual picnic(\$2,000+), website, and Thanksgiving dinner event at Atwater Senior Center
 - The park project from 2 years ago has not been started
 - This was put on hold in order to prioritize the staff and time because the park was going to have steady league play
 - Might be a good idea for the management team to write a letter to Parks and Rec. asking for the project to be completed
 - Might be a good idea for the community to go to one of the monthly Parks and Rec. meetings and speak to them there
 - ◆ They meet the 3rd Wednesday at 5:30 at Edgewood Park
 - Suggested for someone from the Independent to write an article about it in order to bring some sort of public pressure
 - This will be added to the agenda next month so the community can propose ideas for projects
- ❖ **Presentation**
 - **Department of Transportation, Traffic, & Parking – Raj Mathur, Michael Pinto**
 - **Final mobility study recommendations**
 - Over the past few years there has been a significant increase in distracted driving
 - Looking to bring this down through these recommendations
 - This dates back to 2010 – an ordinance that mandates they take vulnerable users as they plan and move forward in changes
 - Fair Haven has specific challenges that they are looking to correct
 - Fairly low percentage of walkers/bicyclists to work
 - Runoff going into the river
 - Unnecessary one way streets
 - Opportunities in Fair Haven
 - Increase bicycle lanes
 - ◆ Or identify a network of low volume residential streets and convert those streets to become bicycle friendly – not necessarily add bike lanes but make cars yield to them
 - Convert some one way streets to 2 way
 - Refer to the attached packet identifying the rest of the recommendations and suggestions
 - Next steps

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- Will be presenting the final report and they are looking for community feedback
- Have the community pick one test street that they will work on as a pilot program
- Evaluate how well the pilot street works and then move forward to make the changes more permanent
- Moved, seconded, and passed to schedule a separate meeting to discuss the changes

❖ Old Business

5 Minutes

➤ Bylaws subcommittee update

- Subcommittee met and made the changes
 - The co-chairs will review the changes and then they will be presented to the community

❖ New Business

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➤ Giovanni Zinn - City Engineer

- Chapel St. Bridge
 - 3 phases
 - ◆ Phase 1. Structural, mechanical, and electrical upgrades
 - May 8-22nd full vehical closure of the bridge
 - Should be done 1st week of June
 - ◆ Phase 1.5 replacing the bridge deck with concrete and plastic asphalt
 - This will cause more 2-3 day road closures
 - 10 day road closure in July
 - ◆ Phase 2 painting the entire structure to different shades of blue
 - Cost about 3 million
 - Must be painted in the open position
 - Will be closed for about 8 weeks starting in August
 - Seems like a long time but in the long run it is better than waiting and closing the bridge for a year because the steel rusted
 - Any questions contact Giovanni Zinn at 203 946 8105 or gzinn@newhavenct.gov

❖ Announcements

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- Free Dental Clinic
 - 4/7, 4/8 starting at 6am
 - Floyd Little Athletic Center 480 Serman Parkway
 - First come first serve
- Fair Haven Block Party – Guillermo Serrano and Misael Mercado
 - May 27, 2017 1-4pm James St. at Criscuolo Park
- Landtrust/Schooner Summer Program – Mary Ann Moran

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- 2 week camp this summer
- Scholarships available
- 8am-3pm with provisions to keep the kids until 5pm
- Anyone interested contact Mary Ann Moran
- Chatham Square Neighborhood Association – Mary Ann Moran
 - Easter/Spring Pary – April 15th 1-2:30pm
 - Chatam Square Park
 - Riverfest – May 20th 11-4pm, 307 Front Street
 - Roadrace, food, dancing and fun
 - New Haven’s Road Mile Race – May 20th 11:15am, 307 Front Street

❖ Adjournment

- Meeting adjourned 7:05pm

❖ Upcoming Meetings

- May 4, 2017
- June 1, 2017
- August 3, 2017
- September – Picnic
- October 5, 2017
- November – Thanksgiving volunteer event
- December 7, 2017 – Holiday Party