

**West End Civic Association and NRZ  
Board Meeting Minutes  
United Methodist Church  
April 3, 2018**

**BOARD MEMBERS PRESENT:** Kurt Malec, Cindy Courtney, Dorothy Lovett Buckley, Max Condren, Rick DuVerger, David Klein, Sally Taylor, Kyle Bergquist, Guy Neumann

**Welcome and Introductions:** In Bongsi's absence, Kurt welcomed members of the community and asked the Board to introduce themselves.

**Old Business:**

- The minutes from the March meeting were approved.
- A WECA newsletter was distributed manually except in the Southeast sector, where they were mailed. The difficulty of distributing to apartment building residents was noted.
- A grant of \$5000 has been received from the Hartford Foundation for Public Giving to support SNAP doubling for the Farmers' Market.
- Cindy Courtney reported on the tally of committee volunteers obtained from membership forms. The next step is for committee chairs to contact those who indicated an interest in serving.

**Farmers' Market:** Sally Taylor reported on the Farmers Market. The committee has been meeting at least monthly. The position of market master was posted on the WECA website and interviews are taking place. A small fundraiser was held wherein Jonathan Janeway held a piano recital. The market opens on Tuesday, June 5, 2018.

**Governors' race:** Kurt Malec reported that he has engaged Ted Cannon, who will help coordinate the candidates' forum which we hope to host in the church's sanctuary. The conventions are held in mid-May and we are shooting to hold the forum during the first 2 weeks in June. We are also considering the Historical Society as a venue.

**Planning and Zoning:** Kyle Bergquist reported that it has been a quiet month. The City's planning office is short staffed so there are fewer meetings. The recommendations regarding 95-97 Fern street have been approved, and the owners appear to be complying with the ruling.

**Database:** Lindsay Ewing has set up the database in Mail Chimp, which is free. He plans to migrate the Constant Contact files. He said that there will be demonstrations for using the new database. Read/write access will be limited.

**Sector reps:** Max Condren reported on the plans for the speed hump on North Beacon, north block. Some residents did not like the proposed placement. Katie Curran, a resident, has organized other residents and 22/26 households have approved the proposed placement. Jim Ford stated that he would like a recap from WECA of this activity along with signatures of approving households. Katie will draft this and Max will share with Bongsi.

We are tabling the overall discussion regarding the sector rep position. In addition to building the database, Lindsay Ewing also agreed to be the Central West Sector rep.

**Education Committee:** Suzann Beckett reported that there is nothing planned for the summer. There had been low turnout for the chess club. She is hoping to plan an activity with JoAnn Bauer.

**Nominating Committee:** David Klein said that he will talk to Bongi about pulling together a nominating committee for 2018-19 WECA officers.

**Public Safety:** Officer Sherbo reported that it has been a quiet month. He reported on burglaries, car breaks and another robbery at the Subway, as well as the dog issue at Oxford and Farmington and the UCONN law student living in a van on the law school's premises. There was an assault in Elizabeth Park. At 10 Rodney Street, 419 bags of heroin were seized.

**City of Hartford:** Adrienne Bent-Jarvis, the Hartford 311 supervisor, will rotate attendance at WECA meetings with Janice Castle. She reported that there will be a Town Hall on April 21, 2018 and handed out cards about it. She also has information cards with English and Spanish on reverse sides for (1) sources of food for homeless individuals, Hartford 311 and reporting of potholes. She also reported on leaf pickup.

**Community members and representatives:**

- Saul Vazquez from the Outreach Ministry of the House of Worship United by Christ introduced himself and his group's efforts to minister to homeless individuals and direct them to sources of food. The Outreach Coordinator of the group is Jacklyn Vazquez (860) 569-9740.
- New Hartford deputy police chief Sonia Watson introduced herself and confirmed the current arrangement for providing information and updates to our NRZ.
- Jesus Lopez from the Hartford Fire Department reported that there will be a car seat meeting on April 15, 2018 at 150 Sisson Avenue.

The meeting was adjourned at 8:30.