

**West End Civic Association and NRZ  
Board Meeting Minutes  
Hartford Seminary  
March 26, 2019**

**BOARD MEMBERS PRESENT:** Suzann Beckett, Michelle Ewing, Dorothy Lovett Buckley, Guy Neumann, Kyle Bergquist, David Klein, Cindy Courtney

**ALSO PRESENT:** Officer Sherbo, Andrene Bent-Campbell, guests as noted below, and residents.

**Minutes:** The minutes of the February 2018 meeting were approved.

**Financial report:** David Klein reported that membership rates are up over last year at this time; expenses are about equal to this time last year. Dinearound earned about \$15,000.

**Farmer's Market:** Joan Pritchard reported that there is a fundraiser for the WEFM at the ClayPen this coming Thursday, March 28, 2019. The committee is working on getting new vendors for the market.

**Planning and Zoning:** Kyle Bergquist reported that the Historic Preservation Commission approved the 205 Beacon Street project. There will be a zoning review and possibly consideration of variances (for example, the driveway is on the property line, which requires a variance).

**Public Safety:** Officer Sherbo reported that wheel thefts have continued to occur and that complaints about blight continue to come in.

**City of Hartford:** Ms. Bent-Campbell made available handouts with key City phone numbers.

**Guests:**

- **Professor Morgan Tingley:** Professor Tingley is an ornithologist and professor at UCONN. He described a project wherein he and others are trying to identify as many bird species in Connecticut as possible. In the West End, he needs help identifying the presence of three species of owls which might be breeding now. Residents who hear owl calls can report these instances at [ctbirdatlas.org](http://ctbirdatlas.org).
- **Karen Licht, President of the Friends of the Mark Twain House:** Mrs. Licht described the 2019 House Tour which benefits the Mark Twain house, which this year will be held on September 21, 2019. Her committee needs houses to appear on the tour and would like houses in the West End to be part of that. Her number is 617-905-1912.

- **Bongi Magubane (Hartford 2000):** Bongi, as the West End NRZ's rep to Hartford 2000, reported on a February 27, 2019 meeting whose purposes were to identify areas not represented by an NRZ ("gaps"), and to give residents a say on how to achieve NRZ representation. In particular, downtown is now home to residents, but is not represented by an NRZ.
- **Walter Veselka, head of Hartford DPW:** Cleanups of the parks and streets have started, and illegal dumping is being enforced through the issuance of citations. Mr. Veselka reported on an "asphalt reclaimer", a tool to use discarded material to fill pot holes. Only \$1 million is available to repair roads, which is not enough.
- **David Grant, Executive Assistant to the Mayor,** reported that on April 15, 2019 from 3-5, there will be an Engagement Event at the Hartford Public Library, designed to interest members of the community in serving on boards and commissions. The names of existing boards and commissions can be found at [Hartford.gov](http://Hartford.gov). Interested persons can contact David at [david.grant@hartford.gov](mailto:david.grant@hartford.gov). (860-757-9738)

The meeting was adjourned.