

***CITY OF NORWALK HEALTH, WELFARE & PUBLIC SAFETY COMMITTEE***

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JUNE 26, 2008**

ATTENDANCE: Michael Geake, Chairman; Laurel Lindstrom; Stephen Serasis; Rev. Phyllis Bolden (7:40 p.m.)

GUESTS: Mary Geake; Timothy J. Murphy, Norwalk Police Department; David P. Wrinn, Norwalk Police Department; Katherine Pytleski, Norwalk Police Department; Jennifer Lord, Norwalk Hospital

**CALL TO ORDER**

Mr. Geake opened the meeting at 7:30 p.m. noting that they did not have a quorum present.

**APPROVAL OF MINUTES – May 22, 2008**

There was no action taken, due to a lack of a quorum. Mr. Geake pointed out that Chief McCarthy should be corrected to reflect Deputy Chief Riley throughout the minutes.

**POLICE DEPARTMENT**

**• JAG GRANT**

Ltn. Murphy explained that this item was on the agenda to provide an opportunity for the public to hear this item in a public forum. This open meeting meets the requirements of the grant.

Ltn. Murphy described the grant and said that this grant will provide funds to allow Patrol Officers to be more proactive in enforcing motor vehicle violations. Mr. Geake asked if the City gets the money from the fines. Ltn. Wrinn said that everything except for the parking violation fees go to the State, not the City.

There was no action required on this item.

**• COPS GRANT**

Ms. Pytleski said that they were invited to apply for this grant. Mr. Geake said that they could not tack action on this item because they did not have a quorum present. He asked Ms. Pytleski to provide him with the wording for the motion so he could put this request on the Council agenda.

Rev. Bolden joined the meeting at 7:40 p.m. A quorum was now present.

APPROVAL OF MINUTES – May 22, 2008 (continued)

**\*\* MR. SERASIS MOVED TO APPROVE THE MINUTES WITH THE FOLLOWING CORRECTION:**

**CHIEF MCCARTHY SHOULD BE CHANGED TO DEPUTY CHIEF RILEY THROUGHOUT**

**\*\* MOTION PASSED UNANIMOUSLY**

• COPS GRANT (continued)

Ltn. Wrinn reviewed the technology grant executive summary. Rev. Bolden said that she was in full support of this grant. She said that she hoped the initiatives would be a deterrent to someone. She added when it comes to safety they should always have top notch equipment. Ms. Lindstrom added that it also gives a certain amount of comfort to law abiding residents.

**\*\* MR. GEAKE MOVED TO AUTHORIZE THE MAYOR TO ACCEPT THE COPS GRANT, SUBJECT APPROPRIATE WORDING**

**\*\* MOTION PASSED UNANIMOUSLY**

Rev. Bolden left the meeting at 7:55 p.m. there was no longer a quorum present.

**OYSTER BEND CONDOMINIUM PROJECT – PLATT STREET**

Ms. Lindstrom announced a public information meeting to be held on Monday, June 30th in the Community Room at Norwalk City Hall. Prior to the meeting there will be an opportunity to visit the site with the DEP and the EPA. Mr. Doug Zimmerman of the DEP will moderate. Ms. Lindstrom distributed the legal notice of the meeting that was printed in The Hour.

Mr. Geake said that the Committee requested funding for an environmental expert, but the request was blocked by the Mayor. Ms. Lord asked what the health issues were. Mr. Geake said that a number of toxins had been identified on the banks of the River, but it was hard to tell what type because they were denied an environmental expert.

Ms. Lord asked what kinds of illnesses may come about due to the toxins. Mr. Geake suggested she ask Mr. Callahan. Ms. Lord said that she would be meeting with Chief McCarthy and a manufacturer of hazardous materials so that they would know how to treat exposure to those materials.

Mr. Geake said that attorney Maslin gave a legal opinion that was not related to the question. Mr. Serasis said that the residents should know if the City is blocking this. Ms. Lindstrom said that representatives of various committees with concerns about contaminants will be present at the public information meeting.

OTHER BUSINESS

There was no other business.

PUBLIC COMMENT

There was no public comment.

There was no further business and the meeting was closed at 8:05 p.m.

Respectfully submitted,

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