

**CITY OF NORWALK
HEALTH, WELFARE AND
PUBLIC SAFETY COMMITTEE
NOVEMBER 28, 2010**

ATTENDANCE: Richard Bonenfant, Chair; David Jaeger; Travis Simms

STAFF: Timothy Callahan, Health Director; Dennis McCarthy, Fire Chief;
Ellen Wink, City Clerk

WELCOME AND ROLL CALL

Mr. Bonenfant opened the meeting at 7:05 p.m. and noted that they did not have a quorum.

APPROVAL OF MINUTES – October 28, 2010

There was no action taken.

PUBLIC PARTICIPATION

There were no members of the public present this evening.

OLD BUSINESS

There was no old business discussed this evening.

NEW BUSINESS

POLICE DEPARTMENT

There was no discussion this evening.

FIRE DEPARTMENT

RESOLVED: THAT THE REQUEST TO AUTHORIZE THE MAYOR, RICHARD A. MOCCIA, TO ADOPT THE "2010 PREDISASTER MITIGATION STRATEGY DOCUMENT, CONNECTICUT'S SOUTH WESTERN REGION" ON BEHALF OF THE CITY OF NORWALK AS PREPARED BY THE SOUTH WESTERN REGIONAL PLANNING AGENCY AND APPROVED BY THE FEDERAL EMERGENCY MANAGEMENT AGENCY (FEMA), BY MEANS OF A JOINT RESOLUTION WITH THE EIGHT MUNICIPALITIES OF SOUTH WESTERN CONNECTICUT IS HEREBY APPROVED

Chief McCarthy explained that in 2005 the eight communities in the SWRPA region created a disaster mitigation plan to reduce the impact of a natural disaster. The strategies are intended to be broad. This will allow the City to apply for grant funding in the event of a presidential disaster declaration.

The Committee members present agreed that Mr. Bonenfant will bring this item to the full Council.

DISCUSSION

Ms. Wink distributed the 2011 meeting schedule. The meetings will take place on the fourth Thursday of the month except during November and December due to the holidays.

HEALTH DEPARTMENT

Mr. Callahan gave a PowerPoint overview of the Health Department's programs. He said that the building was constructed in 1967 as a bomb shelter and as a second emergency room, since it is on the other side of the River across from the hospital.

The elevator was recently upgraded, the roof was replaced, the bathrooms were upgraded and they installed a new HVAC system. They will be getting new windows and the interior will be painted. Mr. Callahan provided information about their public health programs and explained that their mission is to prevent-promote-protect.

Mr. Callahan led the Committee members on a tour of the building.

ADJOURNMENT

There was no further business and Mr. Bonenfant closed the meeting at 7:50 p.m.

Respectfully submitted,

Rosemarie Lombardi
Telesco Secretarial Services