

**CITY OF NORWALK  
CEMETERY COMMITTEE OF THE NORWALK HISTORICAL COMMISSION  
MINUTES OF MEETING  
APRIL 5, 2009  
(DRAFT)**

ATTENDANCE: David Park, Chairman & Cemetery Chair; Peter Bondi, Vice Chairman; Susan Gunn Bromley, volunteer; Sharon Soltes, Norwalk Museum; Holly Cuzzone, volunteer; Dana Laird, volunteer; Krystal Stovall, volunteer; Kevin Stovall, volunteer; Maribeth Becker, Norwalk Arts Commission, party in the park committee, (arrived 2:20 PM).

**CALL TO ORDER**

Mr Park called the meeting to order at 2:06 PM.

**GENERAL DISCUSSION OF 2009 PINE ISLAND HISTORICAL CEMETERY TOUR AS  
PART OF NORWALK ARTS COMMISSION "PARTY IN THE PARK" AT MATHEWS PARK  
ON SATURDAY JUNE 20, 2009.**

Mr Park gave an overview of the event at Mathews Park which will include Lockwood-Mathews Mansion Museum, Stepping Stones Children's Museum, Contemporary Printmaking, artists and food vendors throughout the grounds and other volunteers and music activities. Visitors will park at Maritime Garage and walk through Oyster Shell Park to Mathews Park. Pine Island Cemetery tour will be part of days event.

Mr Park gave an overview of the 2001 Pine Island Cemetery Tour with a printed handout. The 2001 tour was very extensive and brought attention of the cemetery to the community. The 2009 version of tour should be a scaled down version because of lack of time and resources.

Ms Laird, Ms Gunn and Ms Soltes gave much detail of 2001 tour including actors who dressed and portrayed deceased from the Norwalk community who are buried there. Discussion of biographies on file that may be used again and number of actors who may be available. Discussion of additional volunteers to man two tables at entrances of cemetery with hand-out information. Table volunteers and actors should have name tags. Mr Bondi will contact actors from Crystal Theater who may be interested. Other actors from 2001 tour may be available. Ms Cuzzone discussed history of cemetery and type of and content of "desk top" publishing hand-out to produce. Ms Becker suggested the event will start at noon and continue through early evening. Cemetery tour will be open from 12 noon until 4:00 PM, possibly later. Warnings should be flagged including gofer holes and poison ivy. Mr Park will organize clean-up of cemetery including Rec & Parks for tree service and lawn mowing. Larosa Cleaning Service volunteers and a volunteer clean-up of limbs, litter and brush removal for either Monday April 20 or Monday April 27. Other volunteers may be contacted such as Ray Rummer. Ms Becker will be in touch with Rec & Parks for maintenance of Mathews Park and will suggest cemetery also. Water will be supplied by Arts Commission. Volunteers will need to park close to site and not at garage. Ms Becker suggested by tennis courts where there is now piles of earth. Fate of earth needs to be known and removed for event. Identification system may be needed for volunteers to park in Mathews Park. Norwalk Museum tables and chairs will be brought to park for entrance stations.

**SUMMARY**

Mr and Ms Stovall will volunteer as actors which may include young woman with child and African American.

Ms Gunn will volunteer as actor, will help will desk top publishing and content of hand-out.

Ms Soltes will volunteer for either actor (or) at table and help with content of hand-out.

Ms Laird will volunteer with content of hand-out and at table.

Mr Bondi will contact Crystal Theater actors and volunteer as actor.

Mr Park will volunteer at table, organize cemetery clean-up and be contact person for project.

Ms Cuzzone will volunteer with content of hand-out and at table. If needed will contact more actors.  
(John Eisman will volunteer as actor) (not present)

Mr Park adjourned the meeting at 3:03 PM.

Respectfully submitted,

David W. Park  
acting secretary  
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