

NHAC Minutes

2 Sept 2010

Present: Srdjan Scott  
Mildred Rodney  
Paul Barbara  
Groot

Meeting Convened at 8:05

**Minutes** Approved

**Treasurer's Report:** \$7,352 in the bank, \$3,000 belongs to Justine

**Bridge Beautification:** Paul is in the process of quoting Justine a PVC design. Rodney expressed concern about clearance on the sidewalk. He wants to be sure that there is adequate handicap access. The flower boxes will not be deeper than the newspaper dispensers. Whole Foods will supply dirt and plants.

Barbara expressed concern about the lack of water on that side of the street. There are no external spigots on any of the buildings. There was also concern about who will maintain the boxes.

**Lake Ave Bike Promenade:** There was general agreement that it went well, was low key and there wasn't any trash left behind. There was surprisingly low attendance.

**Website:** The website is a City site. The Bylaws were added to the website.

**Email List:** There was discussion on how to add to the email list, which is currently very small. Scott will ask people to give their email address at his upcoming Block Party.

**Expansion of Service Area:** Someone had expressed an interest in adding her neighborhood to the NHAC service area. The council had no objection as long as it was contiguous with the current service area, (it is) and that 50% of the residents "sign up". Scott wondered what their "issues" were.

Halloween: There is a need for a committee meeting. Only John Rice knows all the parties involved, and hopefully he will organize it. The cost will be \$700-800. A Clean-up crew needs to be designated, and 2-3 adults are needed per room.

**Walnut St Reconstruction:** There are markings in the road, and Srdj is waiting for Tom Daley to reply with his availability. There was also a discussion about adding a crosswalk somewhere near Hyde St.

**Annual Meeting:** 1st Thursday in November, 7 – 9pm. There was agreement that the meeting should be held in Newton Highlands, and Rodney will check on the availability of the church. Should food be served?

Crystal Lake: There was a big increase in illegal swimming at the Lake this year, especially at Cronin's Cove. As a result, the grass at the Cove is getting destroyed. There was general agreement that hours at the Bathhouse should be increased, even without lifeguards, and with only a minimal staff.

Moving the boat launches to the beach area would also discourage illegal swimming and would be a safer area for cars to unload their boats.

New Biz: The suggestion was made to meet at the Brigham House instead of City Hall.

*And then I have these scribbles: Zoning – 2 year process - Planning department – Tiger grant – transportation planning – support letter. I think this was in relation to the Green Line extension.*

Hope Fountain: One of the fountain pipes has corroded through. It will cost about \$2,000 to fix. Can Community Preservation funds be used for repairs, or can we get the city to fix it?