

White Plains Council of Neighborhood Associations
January Meeting

Wednesday, 1/14/2025

Location: ZOOM Meeting

Time: 7pm

Attendees: Michael Sanchez, Michael Dalton, Tom Osbeck, Veretta Addison, Renee Cohen, Anthony Fiorenza, Bob Friscia, Robert Kahn, Judith Lee, Michael Matarese, Howard & Lea Waldman, Shawn Woodford, Debra Zipf,

1. The Meeting was called to order by President Sanchez. President Sanchez asked Treasurer Osbeck to report the Neighborhoods that have paid their dues and are eligible to vote for the slate of Executive Board candidates.
2. President Sanchez read the names of the current Executive Board members/candidates:
 - President - Michael Sanchez
 - Vice President - Michael Dalton
 - Treasurer - Tom Osbeck
 - Secretary – No CNA member volunteered to be nominated.
3. President Sanchez explained that there had been no new nominations for Executive Board and that the existing Executive Board members had agreed to stand for re-election for 2025.
4. President Sanchez asked the eligible voting CNA members attending the meeting to vote on the slate of Executive Board members. The vote was unanimous.... with no dissenting votes...to elect the current Executive Board members to serve in their current roles for 2025.
5. President Sanchez reviewed the planned lineup of guest speakers and topics for upcoming CNA meetings in 2025:
 - February – Mayoral candidate & Common Council Member - Justin Brasch
 - March – CNA Workshop to assist neighborhoods in forming Neighborhood Associations
 - April – Superintendent of Schools - Dr. Joseph Ricca
 - May – Congressman - George Latimer
6. President Sanchez asked those attending the meeting to suggest additional guest speaker and topic suggestions:
 - There will be a special election for County Executive in February.... M. Dalton suggested that the CNA invite the newly elected County Executive to the June meeting.
 - There are new marijuana dispensaries opening in White Plains....it was suggested that the CNA invite a guest speaker to discuss marijuana dispensaries.
 - It was suggested that the CNA invite White Plains Hospital to provide an update on their new building.
 - J. Lee suggested that an update on the Farrell Estates Development project would be a good topic for a CNA meeting.
7. B. Friscia said that he had spoken with John Sheehan regarding the Farrell Estates Development. Gary Kline, a realtor, had suggested the sale of a 4-acre parcel of the Farrell property for \$5 million. This 4-acre parcel would be the site of a new Senior Assisted Living facility.
8. President Sanchez asked the CNA members to prepare questions for Mayoral Candidate Brasch...who will be the guest speaker at the February CNA meeting.

9. President Sanchez thanked Bob Kahn and Zack Salino for their work in organizing the upcoming CNA Workshop....and then turned the meeting over to Bob Kahn. In order to illustrate the sorts of materials that each neighborhood association should upload to a folder on the WPCNA website.... Bob described the sorts of materials & events that the Highlands Association utilizes:
- Neighborhood Association "Mission Statement"
 - A map showing the boundaries of the Highlands neighborhood.
 - 2 Community Meetings a year
 - Annual Community Yard Sale
 - Annual Picnic
 - Halloween Event
 - Applications for special event permits with the City.
 - Certificates of Insurance for 1-day events
10. President Sanchez explained that it was very important for CNA member neighborhoods to upload any organization documents, procedures, by-laws, etc. into their respective folders on the WPCNA website. Each neighborhood association is unique in how they go about their business. Prospective associations attending the workshop will be able to examine the folders of each current CNA member. Those prospective associations will see that there are many different ways for a neighborhood association to be managed.
11. President Sanchez asked for volunteers from CNA members to speak on specific topics at the March Workshop:
- M. Dalton volunteered to speak about selecting Officers and Directors
 - D. Zipf volunteered to speak about creating By-Laws.
 - J. Lee said she would reach out to the Gedney Association for a guest speaker.
 - V. Addison of Battle Hill said its new president would volunteer to speak on a topic.
12. New Business:
- M. Dalton volunteered to lead a CNA contingent at the upcoming St. Patrick's Day Parade in March
 - M. Sanchez will be speaking with the Democratic Committee of White Plains
 - A. Fiorenza asked if the location for a new marijuana dispensary at 1200 Mamaroneck Rd. in the Rosedale section of W.P. was zoned to allow retail? M. Dalton reviewed the W.P. Zoning Map. The proposed location of the dispensary did permit retail operations. A. Fiorenza reported that he had heard back from the Zoning Dept. confirming that the operation of a dispensary was "permitted" at the proposed site.
13. M. Sanchez then thanked the attendees and closed the meeting.