

**Historic North Neighborhood Association
City of Geneva, New York
February 7, 2019**

(1.) The meeting was called to order by Neighborhood Liason Jessica Avila at 6:02 p. m.

PRESENT:

Jessica Avila
Dennis Bishop
Judy Solotti
Beryl Cox
Raeona Cox
Robin Cox
Sam Cappiello
Harlene Gilbert
Regis McDonald
Chief of Police Michael Passalacqua

(2.) Old Business

a.) Neighborhood Engagement in Safe Neighborhoods

Mrs. Avila introduced the topic discussed at the last meeting concerning meeting with the Chief of Police to explore ways the residents can support the local police force. Ms. Gilbert suggested the importance of training for local citizens in awareness training.

b.) Chief of Police Michael Passalacqua opened discussion by explaining that no issue is particular to any one area. He explained that about ten years ago he attended Neighborhood Watch Training and that he had organized six resident groups during his career. As an example, the number of calls to the police department decreased by sixty percent in two years due to the cooperation of managers, residents, and the police.

Chief Passalacqua observed that this cooperation made a difference for the quality of life for the residents. He outlined the organization consisting of aware residents creating an email tree who would contact a designated recorder. The recorder would then relay the concern to a designated police contact.

Mrs. Avila called for a consensus to pursue investigating the creation of a police support group. She also volunteered to be the recorder should the group actualize. Discussion revolved around the positive results from engaged citizen reporting and how it helps police officers. Ms. Gilbert suggested that the training be offered to residents in the entire city. Mr. Cox suggested that City Manager Sage Gerling be involved in any further discussions on this topic at a to be determined date for a GNRC Neighborhood Meeting.

Mrs. Avila called for a new consensus vote to pursue investigating the creation of a police support group at a to be determined city-wide GNRC Neighborhood Meeting attended by Ms. Gerling and Chief Passalacqua.

MOTION CARRIED by 8 – 0.

(3.) NEW BUSINESS

a.) Historic North Easter Egg Hunt

Mrs. Avila introduced this neighborhood activity. She called for a concensus to accept April 6 between 10:00 – 10:30 a.m. at Genesee Park. Mr. Cappiello described that 1000 eggs are hidden and the event is attended by 100 neighborhood children. He also noted that the event could correlate with a neighborhood awareness project. Donations of prizes and/or candy are acceptable and can be deposited in Mrs. Avila's office in City Hall. If it rains the egg hunt will be rescheduled.

MOTION CARRIED 8 – 0.

b.) Richard's Park Activity

Ms. Gilbert suggested that an neighborhood activity be planned in Richard's Park. Mr. Cox suggested a BBQ and Ms. Gilbert suggested that hot dogs be donated and combine the BBQ with a neighborhood picnic. Ms. Gilbert also suggested that a craft table be initiated, and she suggested a volunteer Summer program for children when school is not in session.

Meeting adjourned at 7:18 p. m.