

New London Green Party
July 5, 2015 - FRESH Community Garden

In attendance: Pat Bolles, Stephanie Gregerman, Tim Hanser, Mirna Martínez, Bud McAllister, Jason Morris, Dan Spurr (facilitator), Bob Stuller, Ronna Stuller (recorder). Guests: Linda Thompson, Arthur Lerner.

The meeting was called to order at 6:38pm.

Minutes from the 6/7/15 meeting were approved unanimously.

Treasurer's report: \$28 in donations were received and deposited. Balance is \$1,160.27.

State Central Committee: Ronna and Bud attended the meeting. Representatives to national Green Party committees were elected. A budget committee is being formed; Ronna will volunteer for it if no other NL Green would like to. Linda shared information about the Jill Stein fundraising drive; anyone who would like to contribute towards achieving matching funds can do so at the campaign website: www.jill2016.com.

Old business

- (1) Town Committee: Met on June 28. Platforms for City Council and Board of Education are nearly complete; Ronna will send the latest drafts to our membership. The nominating meeting has been scheduled for July 22, at Captain's Pizza if available or the FRESH community garden. Interviews are continuing; Mirna is still our only confirmed candidate.
- (2) NLGP outreach: Yard sale has been scheduled for Saturday, July 25, at Ken Hanson's house. Stephanie, Ken, Ronna, and (maybe) Mirna will meet for planning later this week.

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Updates

- (1) State of the City: Replacement of the Senior Center roof is on the Council agenda for tomorrow; the rest of the Martin Center will likely not be repaired, in spite of risk from lead and asbestos contamination. (Tim is planning to attend.) There was a brief discussion about concerns with how the city provides notice of Council meetings and agendas.
- (2) Education: Amendments to the Superintendent evaluation voted on by the BOE have been questioned by Dr. Adamowski, who will be remaining through August. There are concerns about the use of executive session at the board retreat; it may be worthwhile to seek an opinion from the BOE attorney.
- (3) Riverside Park/NENL: Survey has been completed for Green Harbor, in preparation for bioswale planning by Brian Kent; RPC has been approached about the possibility of supporting a group seeking Bates Woods improvements; Boys & Girls Club may be able to provide a summer intern and student workers to help with Riverside Park maintenance.
- (4) Additional update: Linda reported on her recent, inspiring trip to the Left Action Conference in Chicago; more information is available at leftelect.org.

Announcements & upcoming events

"Only Love Can Conquer Hate" discussion on Tuesday, July 7, at STMHS, 5-7pm
Writers Block Ink Open Mic, Thursday, July 9. at 12 Masonic St, 7-9pm

Meeting was adjourned at 8:26pm. Next meeting will be Sunday, August 2.

Approved by consensus on August 2, 2015.