

New London Green Party

January 31, 2016 - 19 Evergreen Avenue, New London

In attendance: Tim Hanser, Mirna Martinez, Bud McAllister, Daniel Spurr (facilitator), Bob Stuller, Ronna Stuller (recorder). Guests: Jason Morris, Patrick Sheehan-Gaumer, Ron Ward.

The meeting was called to order at 7:11pm.

Minutes from the 1/3/16 regular meeting were approved by consensus.

Treasurer's report: No change.

State Central Committee: At the 1/13 meeting, David Michel was endorsed to run for State Senate District 27. Petitions for the Presidential ballot line should be available at the upcoming 2/3 meeting; Tim and Ronna plan to attend. On Saturday, February 13, there will be a fundraiser at the Portland Waverly Center with Jill Stein; we will try to arrange carpooling.

Old business

(1) NLGP internal election results:

Treasurer: Bob Stuller (nomination by Bob, 2nd Tim, approved unanimously)
Records Chair: Tim Hanser (nomination by Mirna, 2nd Bud, approved unanimously)
Meeting Chair: Ronna Stuller (nomination by Mirna, 2nd Dan, approved unanimously)
District Representatives: Mirna Martínez - Freedom Trail, Daniel Spurr - North of Bank
(We will continue to seek Reps for our other districts and elect next meeting.)
Representatives to State Central Committee: Tim Hanser, Ronna Stuller, Bob Stuller,
Bud McAllister, Mirna Martínez, Daniel Spurr.

(2) NLGP Bylaws recommended change:

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Replace:

The South End, which stretches from Ocean Beach to roughly Mitchell College The Thames Hilltop Neighborhood, which stretches from Mitchell College to Willetts Avenue The South of Bank Neighborhood, which stretches from Willetts Avenue to Bank Street The Downtown, which is the area north of Bank Street, east of Truman Street, south of Huntington Street, and west of Water Street East New London, which is the areas of the City east of Water Street and I-95 The Hempstead or Freedom Trail Neighborhood, which is bounded to the south and east by Truman Street and Huntington Street and to the north and west by Connecticut Avenue North of Bank, which is the area north and west of Connecticut Avenue, north of Bank Street and south of I-95.

With the following:

- 1. East New London, which is the area of the City east of Water Street and I-95*
- 2. North of Bank, which is the area north and west of Connecticut Avenue, north of Bank Street and south of I-95.*
- 3. The Hempstead or Freedom Trail Neighborhood, which is bounded to the south and east by Truman Street and Huntington Street and to the north and west by Connecticut Avenue.*
- 4. The Downtown, which is the area north of Bank Street, east of Truman Street, south of Huntington*
- 5. The South of Bank Neighborhood, which stretches from Willetts Avenue to Bank Street.*
- 6. The Thames Hilltop Neighborhood, which stretches from Mitchell College to Willetts Avenue.*
- 7. The South End, which stretches from Ocean Beach to roughly Mitchell College.*

Ronna made a motion to approve the change, 2nd by Tim; approved unanimously.

- (3) Outreach Committee: Upcoming events: Fundraiser on Saturday, March 19, at Washington Street Coffee House; a monthly "green" moms group; progressive Happy Hour meet-ups. We are also talking to supportive friends to encourage them to register Green (after the Connecticut primaries).

New business

- (1) Ron brought up the issue of lack of minorities in the city's workforce; a rally tomorrow at 5:30pm at City Hall will promote hiring of police and firefighters that reflect our diversity.

Updates

- (1) State of the City: Agenda items for tomorrow's Council meeting include two problematic changes: (a) revision to employee pensions, affecting few employees and potentially costly, and (b) removal (rather than reduction) of Council oversight of line item transfers.
- (2) Education: The creation of a Policy Committee has still not been implemented; Jason is beginning actions at schools to encourage opting out of standardized tests.
- (3) Riverside Park/NENL: Hodges Square is working on "Under 95" mural project.
- (4) Thinking Green: Jason will be guest on 2/2; show moves to 8pm in April.

No announcements

Meeting was adjourned at 8:41pm. Next meeting will be Sunday, March 6, 7pm.

Approved by consensus on March 6, 2016.