

**Historic North Neighborhood Association (HNNA)**  
**City of Geneva, New York**  
**April 22, 2019**

(1.) The meeting was called to order by Neighborhood Liason Jessica Avila at 6:00 p. m.

**PRESENT:**

Jessica Avila  
Dennis Bishop  
Harlene Gilders  
Regis McDonald  
Tricia Meaney (Growing Cycle)  
Jason Hagerman

**(2.) OLD BUSINESS**

a.) HWS Participation in HNNA

Mr. McDonald provided the website for a neighborhood study done in 2008. Using HWS students to do a survey of Historic North was discussed, but no action was taken. Anyone interested in reading the survey should go to: <http://cityofgenevany.com/wp-content/uploads/Current/City%20Departments/neighborhood/Neighborhood%20Study.pdf>

b.) Richard's Park

Planning for the Richard's Park event is indefinitely deferred.

c.) Police Support Group

City Manager Gerling meeting with the HNNA to discuss the Police Support Group and the South Lake representatives has been indefinitely deferred. Mrs. Avila will present the idea of a Police Support group at the GNRC potluck dinner on Thursday, April 25th.

d.) City Property on Geneva Street Health Concern

The reoccurring issue of people dumping garbage in the lot was discussed, and City Counselor Hagerman will look into a viable pro-active or responsive solution.

e.) Historic North Neighborhood Sign

The HNN sign was placed at the corner of Colt and Elm Streets facing east and west.

g.) Historic North Neighborhood Easter Egg Hunt At Genesee Park April 7, 2019.

The Easter Egg Hunt in Genesee Park was attended by 69 children and 34 adults. Thank you to the volunteers who filled eggs, cleaned the park, provided donations, and to the Easter Bunny.

H.) Arbor Day

The Arbor Day planting of an evergreen tree in Genesee Park is deferred until the remediation of the park has been completed.

Everyone is encouraged to participate in the city-wide Arbor Day celebration. More information about this celebration can be found at:  
<https://mail.google.com/mail/u/0/#inbox/FMfcgxwCgLsXmWlICvsPsFQIPKkvXtdK>

### **(3.) NEW BUSINESS**

#### a.) Growing Cycle Presentation

Ms. Trisha Meaney gave a presentation on the Free Program To Divert Food Waste program offered initially to Geneva City residents in Wards 5 and 6. The program began April 1, 2019, and will be offered until May 31, 2020.

Ms. Meaney explained that each resident who selects to participate will be provided a bucket which will be picked up each Tuesday. She concluded the presentation by discussing the benefits of replenishing the Earth while decreasing landfill odors that would result from participating.

Residents who are interested in participating are encouraged to visit the Growing Cycle website at [www.growingcycle.org](http://www.growingcycle.org), and to sign up online at [www.tinyurl.com/genevacompost](http://www.tinyurl.com/genevacompost).

#### b.) City Counselor Invitation

Ms. Solotti invited Mr. Jason Hagerman to the meeting to share HNNA activities and plans for 2019. Mr. Hagerman discussed the possible revitalization of the Historic North Neighborhood with the challenges and solutions.

Housing surveys can be found at: [www.hws.edu/academics/service/pdf/housing.pdf](http://www.hws.edu/academics/service/pdf/housing.pdf)

The discussion revolved around the Geneva Comprehensive Plan which states: “Healthy neighborhood programming builds on the strengths of a neighborhood to stimulate changes that restore and sustain neighborhood pride and confidence by working with residents, landlords, and tenants to focus on restoring confidence; encouraging reinvestment; and strengthening civic involvement.”

Mr. Bishop suggested that the Oswego Renaissance Association (ORA) program might provide a model for attaining the Geneva Comprehensive Plan goals in the Historic North Neighborhood.

The website is: <https://czb.org/where/oswego/>

The HNNA wishes to thank Mr. Hagerman for participating and discussing the future of our shared neighborhood and our optimism for the future of Geneva.

Meeting adjourned at 7:00 p. m.

