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Asylum Hill Neighborhood Association (AHNA)  
Welcoming Committee (WC) Meeting  
Urban League Bldg / 140 Woodland Street / Hartford  
Thursday, March 26, 2015 / 5:00 – 6:30 pm

## Notes

- **Welcome and Introductions** / Review of February 26, 2015 WC meeting notes
  - **Information Share**
    - *We are Asylum Hill: Celebrate the Arts with Us* Festival: Suggestions for encouraging resident participation
      - Funds for materials are still available for any immigrants who want to imply
      - From 6/15 to 7/15 with four events in cooperation with the West End farmer's markets Exhibition to open 7/17 at ArtSpace
      - Also a Dance premier at Town & County Club, a fashion show at ArtSpace 6/25 with six African countries represented.
    - Question arose regarding the transparency of the hiring decisions for the event.
    - Spring celebration for Welcoming Committee banners on Asylum Avenue no specific idea presented
    - AHNA Monthly Meeting – April 6, 2015 at 6:15 PM Asylum Hill Congregational Church 814 Asylum Ave
- Cake & card were presented to Candace to thank her for all her hard work

- **Updates**
  - AHNA Multicultural Center / Formation of a Governance Committee
    - Report was distributed
    - Governance Cmte to look for short term temporary location for event
      - possible multi-cultural pot-luck dinner
  - Discussion: Suggestions for a short-term project to maintain momentum of the AH Multicultural Center project
    - Public safety workshop needed after hearing about refugee in NC
  - Housing Rights Workshop: April 30, 2015 at 5:00 PM, Location: TBA
    - Several people gave examples of issues with landlords

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- Announcements
  - Trinity student wants to conduct focus groups to understand how immigrants find access to services for employment, housing, etc and the stresses of being a refugee.
  - St Francis Community benefits report distributed, featured members of Welcoming Cmte

Interpreters are needed by the courts for many languages, good pay but need to be flexible for the times when they are needed.
- New Business
- Next Welcoming Committee meeting: April 30, 2015