



# AHNA

Asylum Hill Neighborhood Association  
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Welcoming Cmte Notes for 2/26/15  
meeting at 140 Woodland

Welcome & Introductions: present were Jennifer Cassidy co-chair; Nancy Caddigan, co-chair; Mary Stuart, Lar Pue Paw, Georges Annan Kingsley, Rio Comaduran, Don Shaw, Candace Fish, Janet Bauer, Dovi Matty, Chantal Kouoh, Richard Frieder, Sylvia Gafford-Alexander, Martin Sronvi, Alok Bhatt, Yvonne Matthews, Anne Cubberly, Elbie, Tema Silk, and Bernie Michel

## Information Share:

- Don Shaw's article from Dec on affordable housing will be expanded with the help of Susan Campbell
- Candace Fish explained the Call to Artists; *We Are Asylum Hill: Celebrate the Arts with Us* festival and the Arts/ Crafts Supplies Application Process
  - those who cannot afford the supplies needed to create their art or craft can be subsidized up to \$150. in return for a 10% of what ever they sell.
  - hoping to help about a dozen artists targeting the immigrant population
  - will try to purchase locally if possible
  - Deadline is 3/6/15 for the supplies assistance
  - Nancy is taking the names of immigrants from outside AH who may be included if there is room
- Welcoming Cmte Banners on Asylum Ave
  - three banners with three images on each side, 18 people shown altogether, a mix of immigrant and receiving community members
  - will do something to acknowledge them when the weather is warmer

Ann Cubberly & Elvie are the coordinators of the Arts Event

- Looking to make it sustainable
- Need to get the word out to the artists and makers of art
- will also participate in the farmers market connect with others making and selling
- Please tell those you know
- George & West African Community to do a fashion show

AHNA General meeting is 3/2/15 6:15pm at AHCC

AHNA Multicultural Center will meet next week to complete the report

Asylum Hill Resident Parking Permit Program has begun

- only 15 have signed up but more are coming as they get ticketed
- Questions about Visiting Nurses and such are being worked out.

Togolese Association/ Trinity Church meeting space, delayed but should be done in two weeks

Lunar New Year Celebration 2/19 at LOB very successful

- Alok will find out which performers were from AH

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Announcements:

AHNA will be working with Legal Assistance Resource Center to provide workshops on various legal rights that everyone has

- Focus is on housing rights, economic rights, public benefits, immigration law and family law

Parents of school age children can sign-up for WMS in the Hartford District School choice lottery and get into the highest performing neighborhood school in the City

Hartford High is part of a US DIS program to help Students get citizenship before they leave school

- Library is also helping to get a fee waiver for the \$680.00 citizenship fee

New England Public Radio History Project Tema Silk is conducting the interviews

- Amherst College is funding the project to collect the stories of immigrants and refugees
  - what it was like to leave, why you left, who you left, the good & bad, who has helped you or not.
  - will be edited to about 6-7 min to understand immigrants
  - looking to do about 30 interviews. will come to Hartford to tape it.
  - stories will be archived for the benefit of Amherst students
  - Tema has a degree in clinical SW so is sensitive to peoples pain
  - in the end the questions will be edited out, the answers will be the story.
  - Nancy will be the contact person for Tema
  - Could possibly use CPBN studios, Jennifer to contact Donna Sodipo

Meeting adjourned at 6:16pm