



## Meeting Minutes for Wednesday October 14, 2009

1. The meeting was called to order by chair, Andy Orefice, at 6:35pm.
2. Everyone introduced themselves.
3. Vin Petrini, VP of Public Affairs from the **Smilow Cancer Center at Yale New Haven Hospital**.
  - The facility will open its doors in the next week.
  - It is on time and on budget.
  - Tours will be available in the coming months.
  - They have 1868 beds and the address is 25 Park Street
  - The current problem with trucks blocking the area will be cleared up by a new dock being built under the garage. This will relieve some traffic congestion in the area.
  - There are building going up in the center of the connector that will be mixed use. There will be retail, offices, and housing. The housing will be for visitors to the hospital and some patients who do not live in the area. The units have 1 & 2 bedrooms and kitchens.
  - Smilow officials are working with city officials on traffic calming for 12 intersections in the area. These will consist of new painted crosswalks and new signage.
  - 2200 CT residents with cancer are treated in MA and NY every year.
4. Julie Braun from **New Haven Master Recyclers**.
  - The New Haven Master Recyclers are volunteers who are educating residents about new programs being implemented by the city for recycling.
  - Currently we have curbside, dual stream recycling with a recycle rate of 8%. We will be moving to curbside, single stream recycling with a desired recycle rate of 50%.
  - The current big blue wheeled bin that we use for garbage will be used for recycling and a smaller bin will be given to us for garbage.
  - The program should go into effect in April 2010.
  - Recycle Bank will be the organization overseeing the program. They use incentives to increase recycle rates. They use computer chips on your recycle bin to keep track of how much your household is recycling.
  - <http://nhmasterrecyclers.blogspot.com/> is the webpage for more info.
5. Lt. Tchakarides with the Safety Report from **New Haven Police Department**.
  - The Pond Lilly area is a hot spot for criminal activity.
  - Car break ins are hot in the district. If you leave something valuable in your car it will get stolen, especially if it is visible.
  - Call in suspicious activity. 946-6316 for nonemergency or 911 for in progress or emergency.
6. Patricia Wallace, Director, **Department of Elderly Services**.
  - The department is reaching out to seniors, which includes anyone 55 and up.
  - There are many programs available to seniors in the city and they want feedback to see what other services seniors want and need.
  - The city has built many age segregated buildings like schools, why not mix the populations? If there is a need for seniors to be provided with meals and we are provided meals in every school in the city perhaps we



should consider combining the efforts. In some instances the funding is coming from the same place anyway.

- Flyer with information was handed out.
- Chris Heitmann, Director of WVRA, mentioned Safe Routes for Seniors as a good resource for the department.

7. The rest of the agenda was table for next month.

8. Andy Orefice adjourned the meeting at 8:15pm.