

Present: 25 Participants

The meeting was opened by Terry Adams at 6:30 pm

Residents presented questions to Mayor Caroline Simmons in which she suggested forwarding the questions to her office via e-mail for follow-up. Hot top questions regarding **Eminent Domain, Historical Preservation, Flooding, Affordable housing** and **Over Development** were answered by the mayor:

1. Flooding is a huge issue and the city is looking at capital budget funding for a comprehensive storm drain study across the city.
2. The widening of Atlantic Street with the mention of Eminent Domain. The mayor mentioned that in the past eminent domain was used in a way that harmed residents and disproportionately affected communities of color and immigrant communities. The mayor stated she don't know what's happening with the project but the community concerns will be taken into account by her administration
3. Historic Preservation the mayor stated we need to do more to celebrate the culture and history of Stamford and to make sure were not tearing down all our buildings. Work with developers to make sure their not tearing down all our history.
4. Work Force and Affordable Housing the mayor mentioned they have expanded the senior citizens property tax credit program for the first time since 2015. The deadline to apply for this program is in May. A trust fund set up for affordable housing and city owned land to attract different types of developers who will offer more affordable options are aspects for tackling affordability.
5. When is enough development enough in the South End and the West Side? Fair question as there is currently 135,000 people in Stamford so Stamford needs to grow in a smart and inclusive way; Fix roads and bridges, making sure we have the infrastructure for growth and grow in an inclusive way with affordable options.

The Mayor mentioned there are plans to restart the Mayors Night out and to have more constituent hubs.

Captain Tom Barcello-Stamford Police Department gave updates and answered concerns:

- Tom mentioned that Patrol is going well in the South End as more incidents are happening in other areas of Stamford
- A resident requested an update on the drug dealing near Tres Hermanos; Tom answered their Narcotics division is out there and is aware of the situation

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**Question:** Do we have officers that walk the South End?

Answer: Limited manpower don't have the man post as we are currently more motorized responding to calls. Currently down to 266 officers

**Question:** Will you be hiring more officers?

Answer: Trying to hire as many more officers as possible, swearing in 15 new officers

Kathy Rorick-Heyman Properties announced that they filed their planning board application scheduled for April 19<sup>th</sup> and the Zoning Board application that is scheduled for April 25<sup>th</sup>. Their engineers are working with DEEP regarding the underground oil tanks that will be taken out of the ground to get the property cleaned up. Clean-up signs will be posted.

A complaint was brought up about the 2-Food trucks that are regularly parked in the South End. The truck parked on 784 Atlantic Street causes constant noise from the generator and it seems to be parked there permanently triggering traffic issues and blocking driveways. The other truck is parked on 6 Woodland Ave. There was a request to get the rules and regulations for the operation of these food trucks.

Sue Halpern announced the Pollinator Pathways clean-up on April 23<sup>rd</sup> 10:00am -2:00 pm

**Meeting adjourned at 8:30 p.m.**