



NEIGHBORHOOD REVITALIZATION ZONE ADVISORY BOARD

October 17, 2024

The State Neighborhood Revitalization Zone Advisory Board held a hybrid meeting on October 17, 2024 in Bridgeport. The [agenda](#) and [video](#) are available online.

Board Members or Designees Attending in Person:

Jennifer Edwards, [CT Social Equity Council](#)
Martin Heft (Chair), [CT Office of Policy & Management](#)
Pete Procko, [Greeneville NRZ](#), Norwich
Andy Toledo, [City of Bridgeport](#)
Lydia Wileden, [CT Institute for Municipal and Regional Policy](#)

Board Members or Designees Attending Remotely:

Karroll-Ann Brown, [CT Dept. of Children & Families](#)
Mike Gilmore, [Waterbury Development Corporation](#)
Marion Griffin, [Hartford NEXT](#)
Craig Kleman, [City of Norwich](#)
Kaylie Moran, [City of New Haven](#)

Other Participants Attending in Person:

Betsy Baldwin, South End NRZ, Bridgeport
Richard Emery Baldwin, South End NRZ, Bridgeport
Jacqueline Balrezo, [Salvation Army](#)
Greg Breland, South End NRZ, Bridgeport
Scott Burns, South End NRZ, Bridgeport and [Bridgeport City Council](#)
Patrick Carleton, [MetroCOG](#)
Larry Comer, Mill Hill NRZ, Bridgeport
Philip Conner, [Bridgeport Regional Business Council](#)
Liz Esposito, [Avangrid](#)
Cathy Fletcher, [City of Bridgeport](#)
Matt Fulda, [MetroCOG](#)
Elizabeth Heins, [CT Dept. of Energy & Environmental Protection](#)
Frederick Hodges, [Bridgeport City Council](#)
Sarah Huang, [CT Dept. of Energy & Environmental Protection](#)
Michelle Hudson, [Park City Communities](#)
John M. Lee, [Black Rock NRZ, Bridgeport](#)
Vanessa Liles, West Side NRZ, Bridgeport
Debi Martin, [LISC CT](#)
Eneida Martinez, [Bridgeport City Council](#)
Anahi Momplaisir, [Park City Communities](#)
Kevin Moore, South End NRZ, Bridgeport
Aidee Nieves, [Bridgeport City Council](#)
Tim O'Connor, [Black Rock NRZ, Bridgeport](#)

Katherine Ortiz, [City of Bridgeport](#)
Edith Pestana, [CT Dept. of Energy & Environmental Protection](#)
Nancy Procko, [Greeneville NRZ](#), Norwich
David Reyes, [City of Bridgeport](#)
Karen Soares Robinson, [East End NRZ, Bridgeport](#)
Marsha Rose, Bridge House
Beth Santa, South End NRZ, Bridgeport
Deb Simms, [East End NRZ, Bridgeport](#)
Greg Simon, [Black Rock NRZ, Bridgeport](#)
Angie Staltaro, [City of Bridgeport](#)
Richard Warren, West Side NRZ, Bridgeport
Wayne Winston, South End NRZ, Bridgeport

Other Participants Attending Remotely:

Jean Holloway, Clay Arsenal Revitalization Association, Hartford
Doris Johnson, [CT Dept. of Energy & Environmental Protection](#)
Katherine Ortiz, [City of Bridgeport](#)

Note: Attendees who did not add their name to the sign-in sheet or identify themselves if attending remotely might not be listed.

Staff Attending in Person:

Justine Phillips-Gallucci, [CT Office of Policy & Management](#)
Phil Shattuck, [CT Office of Policy & Management](#)
Bruce Wittchen, [CT Office of Policy & Management](#)

1. Welcome, Introductions, Adoption of Minutes

Martin Heft called the meeting of the [Neighborhood Revitalization Zone](#) (NRZ) Advisory Board to order at 10:18. City Council President Nieves welcomed everyone to the meeting and thanked everyone who came to the city for the meeting and introduced the council members and NRZ leaders who were present, noting that she too had been an NRZ leader. She described some of the roles of NRZs, ranging from being a place for conversations to developing plans for the neighborhood. She highlighted the role of NRZ plans and mentioned that the city had dedicated some of its recent federal funding to projects sought by NRZs. She listed some of the recent neighborhood projects and highlighted that part of an NRZ's work is to push government leaders.

Martin Heft thanked Council President Nieves and asked everyone to introduce themselves. He pointed out an incorrect date in the draft July meeting minutes and a motion was made and seconded to approve the draft [7/18/2024 Meeting Minutes](#) and the motion was approved unanimously.

2. Bridgeport Presentations

- Traffic Audit (East End NRZ)

Cathy Fletcher, Bridgeport's Director of Planning, provided a presentation on a safe streets initiative in Bridgeport's East End, beginning at approximately 13:45 on the [meeting video](#).

- MetroCOG PSEG Reuse Plan (South End NRZ)

Matt Fulda and Patrick Carleton of [MetroCOG](#) provided a presentation on the PSEG re-use plan, beginning at approximately 27:00 on the [meeting video](#).

- Choice Neighborhood Program (Hollow NRZ)

Jonathan Delgado, Deputy Director of Bridgeport's Office of Planning & Economic Development, and Anahi Momplaisir, Executive Office Administrator, provided a presentation on the Choice Neighborhood Program beginning at approximately 50:20 on the [meeting video](#).

4. Presentation: DEEP Environmental Justice Regulations Outreach

Martin Heft noted that the meeting is running behind schedule and said the group would skip to the DEEP presentation and combine the reports of NRZs and municipal or state agencies with other business following that. Eliza Heins and Sarah Huang of the Department of Energy & Environmental Protection (DEEP) provided a presentation on the development of for DEEP Environmental Justice Regulations Outreach beginning at approximately 1:01:00 on the [meeting video](#).

5. Reports of NRZs, Municipal or State Agencies and Other Business

The group returned to Agenda Item 3's reports of NRZs and municipal or state agencies combined with Sec. 5's other business beginning at approximately 1:18:10 on the [meeting video](#). There were no reports.

Phil Shattuck provided an overview of the NRZ/community group resources documents currently under preparation. He noted that the current document focuses on aspects of NRZs that are important to the state but pointed out the places reserved for topics of interest to NRZs and he invited people to suggest topics and stories about their NRZ.

Martin Heft announced that the next meeting of this group is scheduled 1/16/2025 and there was a discussion of arrangements for the visit to Bridgeport's End NRZ following the meeting.

Someone raised a question about NRZs competing for resources, such as state funds. He said he appreciated hearing that someone attending this meeting represents a coalition of Hartford NRZs in Hartford ([Hartford NEXT](#)). He said NRZs often fight each other for state funding and Martin Heft pointed out that the state currently does not have funding for NRZ but this advisory board is interested in finding ways for the state to help.

6. Adjourn

The meeting was adjourned and Martin Heft thanked the city for hosting this meeting.