



Council of Greater Manhasset Civic Associations, Inc.
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(Greater Council)

Executive Board Officers 2011-12

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Civic Associations

Bayview Civic Association
Manhasset Park Civic Assoc.
Norgate Civic Association
North Strathmore Civic Assoc.
Plandome Civic Association
Plandome Heights Civic Assoc.
Shorehaven Civic Association
South Strathmore Civic Assoc.
Strathmore Vanderbilt Civic Assoc.
Strathmore Village Civic Assoc.
Terrace Manor Civic Association

Liaisons to Inc. Villages:

Flower Hill (dormant)
Munsey Park
Plandome Heights
Plandome Manor

Other Liaisons

Coalition for Safer Manhasset (CSM)
Chamber of Commerce

Next Meeting December 14, 2011
Onderdonk House 8 PM

DRAFT: Greater Council Minutes 11/9/11

A regular meeting of the Council of Greater Manhasset Civic Associations, Inc. was held at 8 PM at the Town of North Hempstead Town Hall Law Library in Manhasset, New York with Richard Bentley serving as Chair and Liz Miller serving as Recording Secretary. The following persons were representing their civic associations, organizations or communities:

Officers Present:

President: Richard Bentley, Bayview
1st VP: Elizabeth Miller, Shorehaven
Treasurer William J. D'Antonio, Munsey Park
Past Pres: AnnMarie (Curd) Fruhauf, Strath Vill

Members Present:

Sue Auriemma, Munsey Park
Eric Monroe, Bayview CA
Marion Endrizzi, Plandome Heights CA
Andrew Schwenk, South Strathmore CA
James Pelzer, Norgate CA
James Brooks, Manhasset Park CA
Linda Kane, Plandome CA
Katie Miller, CSM, Chamber of Comm
Norman Nemec, Manhasset Preservation Society

Guests Present:

Jon Kaiman, TNH Supervisor
Michael Puntillo, Jr., Jobco,
Pat Grace, Manhasset Press

- I. Prior Minutes (10/12/11): A motion was made, seconded and unanimously approved to approve the minutes as presented.
- II. Remarks by Supervisor Kaiman: After being congratulated on his re-election, the Supervisor thanked everyone. During the campaign, he had learned about areas perceived as weak, issues were sharpened, concerns heard, expressed his appreciation for the opportunity to lead the community, and well understands the burdens associated with the opportunity. He was disappointed that the election's major focus was questioning of his ability based on one problem area, the building dept, while major accomplishments, such as the 311 system, Project Independence, and school recycling initiatives were overlooked in media coverage. He humored on *Newsday's* endorsement in which they described him as being "less abrasive" and that he has "learned to mellow." Even though the building department is now strictly enforcing the code, he nonetheless is still getting bashed and recognizes there is much more to done to improve its service to constituents while upholding the code. Going forward, he hopes to pull together a task force to recommend improvements. Norman Nemec, AIA commented his recent experiences with both North Hempstead and Hempstead's buildings departments and found that North Hempstead's buildings department "had it together", which was not the way it was in the past.

Supervisor Kaiman also gave an update on several pressing issues in Manhasset.

A. Plandome Road Vision: Phase I, the Safe Route to Schools (SRS) grant final contract documents is expected to be approved by the State within weeks for the project groundbreaking in Spring 2012. \$100K of the State grant was lost, but he said alternative funding is assured. Due to the longer than expected SRS project time frame, Plandome Road's need of repaving has now become dire, so TNH will repave Plandome Rd from 25A to Webster Ave concurrently with the SRS project. Plandome Road north of Webster Ave is not TNH owned and the current intermunicipal agreement on that roadway through the inc village is limited to fixing pot holes, not repaving, although TNH will consider amending that agreement if the Village so desires. He reiterated the TNH position that the overpass repair at Leeds Pond is a Village of Plandome Manor responsibility while the Town has jurisdiction only on the waterway under it.

B. Bayview Avenue: TNH investigation revealed that groundwater water is coming in on Bayview Avenue near its intersections with Manhasset Avenue and Thompson Shore Rd (TSR). It was reported to him that a pipe on someone's property was pushing water out, exacerbating the problem. In the short term as a temporary solution, TNH is trenching along Bayview Avenue near its intersection with TSR to better drain the roadway. Permanent solution requires costly major roadway regrading and Bay bulk heading. Supervisor Kaiman stated that they just took over the road from the County last year and were addressing it and will set up a meeting with Civics shortly to discuss the broader plan. Mr. Bentley commented that reports of a homeowner 'pipe' had come up several times over the past decade, but was never found and that M-L Water District had tested the pooling water on Bayview Avenue several times and confirmed it to be solely natural ground water. Dye test can be done to confirm the findings.

IV. Installation of Officers: Supervisor Kaiman conducted the installation ceremony of GC Officers.

V. Treasurer's Report: Bill D'Antonio reported that current cash on hand is \$_____.

A. 2011-12 GC Dues: After a discussion by the GC and a vote, a motion was made and approved that dues remain at 50 cents per household. The main annual expenses of the GC are the PO Box, and small special projects like the Adopt a Pole, Christmas wreaths and Manhasset welcome signs. Plandome Village's Civic Association in attendance tonight has expressed desire to become an active member. The number of households in South Strathmore to 288 (not 578), the projected annual dues total is \$1,357 (data at end of minutes). Some felt dues should be raised so that more beautification projects could be immediately acted upon, although consensus was that such projects need to be planned listed and budgeted so that any needed increase in dues would be commensurate when necessary. The current economy is not the time to increase dues absent confirmed projects with advance expenditure planning.

VI. President's Report; Old Business Status: Rich Bentley

A. Election Update: TNH Supervisor Jon Kaiman, Councilperson 4th District (Manhasset) Anna Kaplan as well as County Legislators Judi Bosworth and Wayne Wink won. In TNH 6th District (Port Washington) Dina DeGiorio won against the incumbent Fred Pollack. Mr. Bentley will attempt a total Manhasset voter participation analysis after absentee ballots are tabulated and official voter records are finalized.

B. Manhasset Park District Update: The Town Board will hear Special Districts' budgets on 10/10/11. The Manhasset Park District budget is approximately \$1.5 million; which is flat (no increase).

1. MPD voter boundaries - still awaiting voters' list to match with boundaries to avoid past election controversy whereby some North Hills development voters such as Stone Hill were turned away at the poll. Ann Marie stated that whoever pays MPD taxes is allowed to vote. The comparison is not being done by Ann Marie Fruhauf because she is running, but hopes the information will be provided by election time (Dec. 13).
2. MPD election will be 12/13/11 at Bayview firehouse, 3 PM to 9 PM. AnnMarie Fruhauf is running; but uncertain if additional candidates will submit petitions to be on the ballot.

C. LIRR Station Beautification and Sign Update (A. Schwenk): Jeff O'Brien (N. Strathmore Pres.) spoke to the LIRR and the shutters on the LIRR house will be going up soon. Weeds that run along LIRR platform were finally cut down after months of requests. No status on LIRR Manhasset signage. LIRR men's bathroom poorly maintained. No toilet seat, dirty. Ann Marie Fruhauf suggested contacting the LIRR Citizen's Advisory Committee for support for LIRR nonresponsive behavior. Fruhauf and Schwenk will coordinate.

D. TNH Open Items Update: Update See attached.

E. Helicopter Noise: Update from concerned resident Sue Auriemma; FAA airspace has been redesigned forcing helicopters lower and increasing noise from jumbo jets. Anyone troubled by the helicopter/airplane noise, should call 311 and also the noise complaint hotline. If the same three people continue to call the hotline, their complaints will be tuned out.

VII. Christ Church Project: Michael Puntillo, Jr. of Jobco. The project has been submitted to TNH and the past issues raised have largely been resolved (see attached). Civics commend Rev Lowry and Jobco for the many successful achievements of the current plan and hope that Citibank will show a greater appreciation for the community's remaining façade design request. Civic do understand the necessity of the proposed new bank, whose lease will offset the loan needed for Parish House restoration. Given the shared use of the Parish House campus, it is recognized that a bank's traffic and parking trends have less impact than most other retail alternatives. The west portion of the Parish House will remain Christ Church owned and controlled for not-for-profit use. The east wing of the building will be moderate small commercial office space targeting small non-medical professional offices. The remaining and significant community objection is the façade design of the new Bank building as voiced since inception of this project. The projected tenant, Citibank, appears to have given

NO consideration the community request for a building design to better blend with surrounding "Collegiate Gothic" campus buildings. Citibank remains adamant on their "minimalist modern" design because it represents their branding. The community was not requesting any complete or costly match to gothic architecture, but feels that minor architectural elements of the façade can be accomplished that better blend than the "off the shelf" Citibank building now on the plan. The bank plans to relocate from its Macy's shopping center space, thus not increasing the number of banks in Manhasset. Mr. Puntillo stated the Citibank building would be small in contrast with the much larger Parish Hall Building. He plans to install lighting that illuminates the Parish House for architectural uplifting and to contrast it with the smaller Citibank building. Norman Nemec suggested nominal cost façade revisions to perhaps match the grey stucco of the Parish Hall stucco facade and that more landscaping/ less asphalt would help. The plans shows the Citibank blue accent to be internally illuminated however Mr. Puntillo said that will not be the case. The GC agreed, and requested that Mr. Puntillo go back to Citibank to consider the small changes that better blend the façade to the surrounding campus. Mr. Nemec said that Alexandra Wolfe of SPLIA had some recommendations for the Citibank building. Mr. Puntillo asked that she get them to him as quickly as possible so that he could consider them. Although the adjacent residents generally have no objections to the proposed re-zoning there still remains concerns about increased traffic through the parking lot to and from George Street, a loss of some existing green buffers, and a need to understand what guarantees both the Developer and the Town will provide that once the property is rezoned that another plan, other than restoring and renovating the Parish Building, will not occur. The residents do not want the property rezoned if the Parish Building is not preserved.

VIII. Civic Report Roundtable

- A. Plandome Heights- Marion Endrizzi reports the day before the election, the Town, through its intermunicipal agreement with Plandome Heights, re-installed the Village of Plandome Heights welcome sign. Also, the Village Board is presenting a new ordinance not to allow a tree and/or bush to be taken down without a permit and the permit process requiring the homeowner to go before an architectural review board.
- B. Norgate: Jim Pelzer reports no TNH success yet in enforcing the restrictive covenant on the Sunset Chapel property. The adjacent home remains a huge community eyesore. Request that the 6th Pct. Greater enforcement for the illegal stacking of cars that are heading south on Plandome Road with great speed ignoring the yellow light to make a left hand turn onto 25A. Cars stack themselves, driving outside the lanes on the wrong side of the yellow line to try to get a better position to make the left hand turn. The same conditions occurs on Onderdonk Ave. GC noted efforts to extend the cross street green time at 25A, but 25A as a state road takes precedence over a Town road and the State's priority is to maximize traffic moving on 25A. A possible solution may be to extend the traffic turning lane. Until any change in light timing, we will ask Judi Bosworth to assist with greater 6th Pct. enforcement.

XI. The meeting adjourned at 9:50pm.

Respectfully submitted,

Elizabeth Miller, Recording Secretary

Projected GC Dues based on \$0.50 per household as of Nov 2011. If incorrect send update to Bill D'Antonio

	<u>Est # Households</u>	<u>Annual GC Dues</u>
Bayview	245	\$ 122.50
Manhasset Park	290	\$ 145.00
Norgate	50	\$ 25.00
North Strathmore	250	\$ 125.00
Plandome (new)	430	\$ 215.00
Plandome Heights	326	\$ 163.00
Shorehaven	95	\$ 47.50
South Strathmore	288	\$ 144.00
Strathmore Village	300	\$ 150.00
Strathmore Vanderbilt	289	\$ 144.50
Terrace Manor	151	\$ 75.50
SubTotal	2,714	\$ 1,357.00

Incorporated villages w/o formal civic assocs ("liaison" status)

Flower Hill	417	
Munsey Park	835	
Plandome Manor	<u>563</u>	
Subtotal	1815	\$ -
Total	4,529	\$ 1,357.00

**Greater Council
Summary of Open TNH Items**

<u>Topic</u>	<u>Last Known Status</u>
<u>Plandome Road Vision Project:</u>	Confirmed NYS DOT approved Phase 1 (Safe Routes to Schools Grant) design plan in July 2011; TNH submitted final construction contract documents to NYSDOT for final approval. J Kaiman reports a Spring 2012 construction start date. Plandome Rd from 25A to Webster will be concurrently repaved by TNH. Awaiting J Kaiman reconvening Stakeholders meetings to learn about the details of plan modifications since last presented to the community in Feb 2010.
<u>Bayview Ave Infrastructure</u>	BCA presented a 1995 study highlighting the deteriorated Bayview Ave roadbed adjacent to Bay to TNH and met with Supervisor Kaiman in 2005. Action was to be delayed until TNH receives ownership of the road (which occurred March 23, 2007) Repeated attempts to schedule meeting with Supervisor Kaiman and Councilwoman Poons have not yet been successful - had hoped to meet in August with Sup Kaiman, but became impossible in Hurricane Irene aftermath. Significant area flooding during Hurricane Irene. Status: As a temporary improvement, TNH Hwy Dept has begun trenching the eastern curbside to improve groundwater flow to storm drains. Mr. Kaiman agreed to set up meeting with Civics on the underlying and more costly needed improvements.
<u>Christ Church Parish House:</u>	Developer Puntillo group presented latest Parish House restoration plan. New bank building façade requested revision to better blend with surrounding campus architecture. Status: Plan has been submitted final plan submitted to TNH yet. Norm Nemec will propose building façade suggestions for Puntillo/Citibank consideration.
<u>Norgate Issues sent 6-14-10:</u>	Sunset Chapels Fencing on Norgate Rd, 1/10 TNH violations issued to Sunset; court date postponed. 22 Norgate, owned by the Steinbergs of Sunset Chapel, remains abandoned and an eyesore to the community. TNH took owner to court to enforce a restrictive covenant but was postponed and no current status given by TNH.
<u>Limit Future TNH Raises:</u>	Code Section 24-14 proposed amendment from 8/3 Board mtg: well received by civics as a 'good government' action to limit any future raises if <u>proposed</u> to a maximum of CPI or union COLAs, <u>whichever is lower</u> . Status per Ferrara: Remains dormant; no expected time frame for re-introduction.
<u>Valley Park Reconstruction</u>	Awaiting TNH response to concerns raised:1) reconfigure new parking lot entrance/too close to dangerous intersection, 2) Tree replacement total qty#s 3) field specifics on dimensions, turf vs grass. No TNH response.
<u>Lord & Taylor Expand Project:</u>	L&T dropped consideration on a total store replacement; and is proceeding with original expansion plan with some changes in design for façade than what was originally planned. L&T will present new façade when design plan becomes available.
<u>Onderdonk Ave Accidents</u>	6 th Pct Accident history received. Several more accidents over summer TNH traffic analysis not currently working on calming actions for this roadway.
<u>Jefferson Auto/ Myrtle St:</u>	Resident Complaints that Shop increasingly uses street and MPD parking lot to park cars. Recent TNH Code Enforcement and 6 th Pct efforts were effective, but continues to periodically resurface as a problem.
-----Nassau County Open Issues-----	
<u>Cleanup Bayview Ave/Maple waterfront</u>	Nassau County continues clean-up of site used for Hurricane Irene Storm Debris. Once debris collection process is completed, NC will assess fence repair vs. replacement.
<u>25A/Shelter Rock Rd Red Light Camera:</u>	County has installed shades to cut down flash impact on homeowners (which increases once trees lose their leaves).
<u>6th Pct</u>	County Executive has not announced what two precincts may close under a consolidation plan. No further info released yet.
<u>Northern Blvd/ SRR:</u>	Right Turn from 25A center lane markings. NYS-DOT determined a formal lane marking to allow shared through /right turn from center lane is NOT supported; Causes a greater driver frustration when the green arrow is on, but a car remains stopped for forward progression. Other light timing modifications are being reviewed at the intersection