



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

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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
Munsey Park
North Hills (dormant)
Plandome Heights
Plandome Manor

Other Liaisons

Coalition for Safer Manhasset (CSM)
Chamber of Commerce
Manhasset Preservation Society

Next Meeting 3/14/12
TNH Law Library 8 PM

Greater Council Minutes
February 8, 2012

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

Officers Present

President: Rich Bentley, Bayview
Treas: Bill D'Antonio, Munsey Pk
Liz Miller, 1st VP Shorehaven
John Crewe, 2nd VP Manhasset Park

Guests

Leslie Gross, TNH Town Clerk
Anna Kaplan TNH Councilwoman
Sabereh Samet, TNH Legisl Aide

Members Present:

Maryann Grieco, Plandome Heights
James Brooks, Manhasset Park
Barbara Donno, Plandome Manor
Chuck Jettmar, North Strathmore
Eric Monroe, Bayview
Phyllis Clark, Terrace Manor
Theresa Larre, Strathmore Village
AnnMarie Fruhauf, Strath Village

Mr. Bentley called the meeting to order, advised that the Village of Flower Hill Mayor has designed Anthony LaSalle as their liaison to the Greater Council. Rich thanked Anna Kaplan and Leslie Gross for joining us, and reordering the agenda to start with their presentations

- I. **Councilwoman Kaplan:** The group provided a roundtable introduction and congratulated Anna on her first month in office. Ms. Kaplan began with her overwhelming desire to work with the Greater Council in completing projects that have been 'in the works' for a long time. Individual updates noted on the TNH Open items list; see attachment 1. Of particular note are:
 - a. Plandome Rd Vision; Phase 1. Mr. Bentley noted TNH has not shared the final design after year + TNH/NYS-DOT discussions. Thus, civics do not know what final modifications were made since the plan shared at the Feb 2010 TNH community wide project meeting. Supervisor Kaiman committed to re-activate the Stakeholders meeting once the project was approved by NYS-DOT, but no meetings have been commenced. Mr. Bentley stressed importance of sharing the details with civics so that resident expectations are communicated before the shovels hit the ground. Ms. Kaplan agreed to share plans and advance reconvening of Vision stakeholder meetings.
 - b. Bayview Avenue Infrastructure: Short term remedy project to solve drainage of pooling water is nearing completion; Hat's off to Commissioner Tom Tiernan and the TNH Highway Dept crew! TNH issued violations to homeowners found to be illegally pumping basement water into the curbside area, thus exacerbating the roadway pooling water conditions. A Long term waterfront plan to be re-initiated by Ms Kaplan with procuring engineering conceptual design services, to then put into the TNH 5 year capital plan
 - c. 22 Norgate Rd. While the councilwoman reported matter is being handled by Town Attorney, she has not yet been given any specific details. Mr. Bentley asked Ms. Kaplan to drive to the site, and that If this property was next door to a TNH Councilperson or the Town Attorney's home, we believe the problems would have been addressed YEARS ago". It's a blatant eyesore

taking too long for the TNH to achieve positive results to remedy, with no concrete details of TNH actions being shared with civics month after month.

- II. **Town Clerk Leslie Gross:** Leslie shared substantive progress on several initiatives in her office, including:
- a. **Records Management:** TNH received \$29K grant from NYS for a massive upgrade of the TNH building records and archive system, automating and digitizing current hard copy files for more efficient retrieval as needed, with focused efforts on Building Department records as well as the Towns statutory records. Cost estimated is much higher than the available funds, so a phased approach is underway thru 6/30/12. Document scanning and indexing systems will continue as new additional funding sources become available. Plan is to improve automation making future TNH Board minutes, FOIL request documents all available electronically, providing both operational cost efficiency for the TNH and better service to all TNH residents.
 - b. **Records Advisory Committee:** Leslie wants to start up a group to help steer the Record Management system implementation. Anyone interested in joining is asked to contact her.
 - c. **Code Review:** Web-based enhancements will make town code searches better compatible with PDA devices, greatly assisting field workers to access codes 24/7 from anywhere.
 - d. **NovisAgenda system:** will electronically provide TNH Board Members with all of its Board meeting preparatory documents, rather than the current paper based documents; Thus improving efficiency, document management during agenda drafting process, and save trees via less paper. The automation will result in faster and more detailed TNH Board Meeting Agenda change communications with civics.
 - e. **Marriage Recommitment Ceremony:** for couples married over 50 years will be held at Harbor Links 2/14/12. Leslie shared the positive press received on increased volume of TNH marriage licenses and ceremonies.
 - f. **Rotary Club's Soldier Shoebox Collection Drive:** underway; see attached flyer for details.

III. **Secretary's Report:** Minutes from Jan 11, 2011 were circulated and all revision submitted via email were processed. A motion was made to approve the minutes as presented. Motion carried unanimously

IV. **Treasurer's Report:** Mr. D'Antonio reported a balance of \$3,380.97; Awaiting North Strathmore and Strathmore Village Civic Assoc payment of GC dues.

V. **President's Report**-Rich Bentley

a. **County Executive Mangano Police Plan:** Executive's office is holding multiple briefings to various groups; Village Mayors group held this morning; civic association leaders held earlier (Rich Bentley attended). Jim Brooks reviewed his summary of the 2/6 Public Hearing (attached) also attended by Sue Auriemma and circulated via eMail to GC eList.

- All report problematic lack of documented plan details, with some statistics being reported different in multiple briefings. Target is consistently reported as needed savings is \$20M, roughly equivalent to net reduction of 108 positions. Today, the Mayors group was told current PD has 2,500 positions, while Civic group was told 2,379 current positions. Thus, from am to pm in one day, the County Executive briefings have already produced a 122 position reduction!
- Plan includes several positive elements, most notably, increased technology enhancements to make routine tasks more efficient, and reinstatement of Problem Oriented Policing (POP) program that was previously cut.
- Most significant negative is that the new consolidated 4 precincts appears to be result of an outdated collective bargaining agreement that forces the NCPD to staff precincts in a defined manner, thus tying the hands of leadership to make pragmatic changes based on current trends and volume. The current Mangano plan, as undefined as it currently seems, clearly results in supervision and control being moved farther away from the residents it serves. A Precinct Commanding Officer is charged with Control of an entire precinct (from bottom to top). Deputy Police Commissioner Thomas Krumpert, upon being questioned at this evening's civic briefing, admitted "Our biggest fear/ concern is whether the Commanding Officer at the new expanded precinct territory and personnel will be able to control them. Amen- exactly the fear and concern civics shared on the net impact of the current Mangano plan.
- Rich Bentley and Ann Marie Fruhauf to draft a concise GC position document and circulate draft for GC member comment.

b. **Helicopter Noise/FAA Update:** Written report from Sue Auriemma attached.

c. **Beautification Efforts:** Report waived in absence of Andrew Schwenk and Jeff O'Brien

d. **Jan 311 Statistics for Manhasset:** On-time closure rate for Jan up 2% to 78%. Overall volume down 30% perhaps due to mild weather/ no snowstorms this year. Report summary attached; detail disseminated to members via eMail.

e. **MPD meetings:** Any GC members needed to help in attending MPD meetings on 2nd & 4th Mondays @6:15pm of each month. Andrew Schwenk volunteered to attend at least one meeting a month and report back.

f. **Chase proposed expansion to 338 Plandome vacant store.** All in support; no issues of concern raised.

g. **Future Meeting Presentations:** members present asked Mr. Bentley to pursue GC presentations from NC Executive's Office on Police Plan, NYC Ferry Service proposal, and Village Bath Property.

III. **Civic Roundtable:**

- **Plandome Heights:** So far Ken Riscica is expected as candidate for Mayor. Trustee seats for Alvin Solomon and Aida Ferman both expected to run for re-election, Lynn Aloia expected as candidate for seat vacated by Ken Riscica.

XII. **Adjournment.** There being no further business, the meeting was adjourned at 10:15pm

Respectfully submitted,
Rich Bentley, Recording Secretary

**Greater Council
Summary of Open TNH Items**

Topic Last Known Status

Plandome Road Vision Project: A Kaplan to urge J Kaiman to share final plans with civics and reconvene Stakeholders meetings. Plandome Road (25A to Webster) full repaving on schedule for Spring 2012 during Phase 1 work. TNH expects state to authorize final bid documents by late Feb, project to be bid out in April and, hopefully, begin construction this late spring/early summer 2012.

Orchard Street Parking: Presently, no parking from 10am-4pm. TNH approved change on 12/13 to 90 minute parking 10am-3pm providing more shopper parking. **new signs will be posted by end of next week, 2/17/12**

Onderdonk Ave Accidents: Plandome Road project engineers have been authorized to include improvements to Onderdonk Ave during the spring reconstruction project. **Ms Kaplan will follow up with TNH Traffic Safety Officer for details.**

Bayview Ave Infrastructure: Short term drainage improvement already underway at Thompsen Shore Rd and Manhasset Ave intersections. TNH Hwy Dept implementing the engineers' recommendation; expected completion this week. 4 homeowners contributing to water pooling by illegal piping of water to the curbside drain without any permit; violations and fines in process. Long term planning, based on BCA's 1995 study highlighting the deteriorated Bayview Ave roadbed to be advanced by A Kaplan starting with engaging Engineer for conceptual design alternatives by 2nd Q 2012, then advancing to TNH 5 year capital plan.

Christ Church Parish House: TNH Board held public hearing and approved the needed zoning changes of the plan on 12/13, but most discussion was focused on the site plan which will be a future public hearing on the site plan sometime in the coming months (probably February or March). The issues involving the bank will need to be resolved before the site plan hearing. **Citibank Real est reps indicate moving the building is not an option, although they are considering some façade modifications as proposed by the community. M Puntillo reports Citibank's position of 'no modifications' has not officially changed. BZA Hearing on needed variances 2/15/12 at 9:30am. (BZA Agenda link)**

Norgate Issues sent 6-14-10: 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 TNH attorney's office is working on coordinating the enforcement of legal requirements previously imposed on the owners. Sup Kaiman asked the town attorney's office to provide an update by GC 12/14 meeting. **Ms Kaplan reports matter still in Town Attorney office; has not yet been given any details; will pursue details for March 14 GC meeting.**

Limit Future TNH Raises: 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 proposed to a maximum of CPI or union COLAs, whichever is lower. Remains dormant; no expected time frame for re-introduction. 2/2012: **No update reply from Ferrara.**

Valley Park Reconstruction: Awaiting TNH response to concerns raised: 1) reconfig new parking lot entrance/too close to dangerous intersection, 2) Tree replacement total qty#s 3) field specifics on dimensions, turf vs grass. **All issues received TNH support; just awaiting resulting details.** Army Corp of Engineers report is expected on remediation of the stream inside the park. \$800+K dedicated by the federal gov't for Army Corp work. Project involves redoing the baseball field installing a turf infield and building new athletic field. TNH is exploring changes to the parking area to address safety considerations. A landscaping plan will be included in the final plan. Tree replacement at greater than the # of trees removed. **NYS DEC permit approved; PAL funding not confirmed. Ms Kaplan will get most current plans and answers; anticipate April bid & work start Summer 2012 after PAL season.**

Lord & Taylor Expand Project: L&T proceeding with building addition as approved but is considering architectural design modifications changing the appearance from that which was approved but not change the size. The changes will require TNH approval. **L&T will forward drawings as soon as they are available; before resubmission to TNH.**

Aldershot/Chapel Island: TNH Green Team Nick L did one time clean up but was to discuss with Hwy dept a plan for more regular TNH maintenance of the island. **Ms. Kaplan to follow up for determination on routine maintenance.**

Jefferson Auto: The town continues to conduct enforcement operations. **2/7 Residents report the cars are now off the street at night, but the 90 min parking is rarely being enforced on Locust, Myrtle and Hillside.**

Daffy's: Plans given to GC on day of 1/24 TNH Public Hearing. 7802 sq ft expansion on Daffy 2nd floor all within code, no variances or change of zoning required; TNH approved it. SVCA continues discussion with TNH for current zoning requirements, then follow with meeting Kris Torkan & residents on Village Bath property alternatives. Torkan to attend March GC meeting to present resulting plans after meeting with residents.

(new) Searingtown Rd @ Harrow La: Turn restriction proposed to curtail cut-thru. Residents surveyed and support. Need to advance thru TNH Traffic Safety Office.

-----Nassau County Open Issues-----

Bayview Ave/Maple waterfront NC DPW site clean-up substantively completed; has not yet determined fence repair vs replacement upon completion. Leg Bosworth is following up.

6th Pct Mangano plan calls for consolidation of the 8 current Pcts into 4 precincts and 4 'community policing centers (6th Pct is one of them). Legislative Public Hearings Mon 2/13 @ 11am, and on Mon 2/27 @ 1pm [NC website](#). [Newsday Article](#)

25A/ SRR: DOT will study Right Turn from 25A center lane and light timing modifications. **Will follow-up after 3/1**