



Council of Greater Manhasset Civic Associations, Inc.

(Greater Council)

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Executive Board /Officers 2011-12

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Bayview Civic Association
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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 Incorporated Villages:

Flower Hill
Munsey Park
North Hills
Plandome
Plandome Heights
Plandome Manor

Other Liaisons

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

Next Meeting Oct. 10, 2012

Greater Council Minutes 9/12/12 TNH Law Library 8 PM

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 at 8 PM with Richard Bentley serving as chair and Joanne Spencer as Recording Secretary. The following persons were representing their civic associations, organizations or communities:

Officers Present:

President: Rich Bentley, Bayview
Sec'y: Joanne Spencer, Terr Manor

Members Present:

Margaret Schwarz, Terrace Manor
Barbara Donno, Plandome Manor
James Brooks, Manhasset Park
Jeffrey O'Brien, North Strathmore
Marion Endrizzi, Plandome Heights
John Crewe, Manhasset Park
Eric Monroe, Bayview Civic

I. **Prior Minutes** The 6/27/12 draft minutes were previously circulated; no revisions submitted.

MOTION: to approve the 6/27/12 minutes as presented. **Motion unanimously approved.**

II. **Treasurer's Report:** Treasurer absent, but no change in balance.

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

a. **Greater Council Website** (www.manhassetcivic.org) The website should be our first resource; Use it. Any individual civic association interested in developing an individual page on the GC website is welcomed to contact Rich and start planning it.

b. **Manhasset-Great Neck EOC**- Rich shared the letter from Councilwoman Kaplan about the dire financial need to help pay a growing LIPA bill, now near \$15K, to keep the M-G EOC lights on this valuable community resource. EOC lost about \$100K in annual support from Nassau County when the county slashed its Youth Program Service budget. Each Civic Association is asked to consider a separate donation to this worthy cause. After discussion, the following motion was made:

MOTION: to donate \$500. to Manhasset-Great Neck EOC and issue a community wide letter from GC seeking additional donations from residents and Manhasset organizations. **Motion carried unanimously.**

c. **Nassau County Coalition of Civic Assoc. (NCCCA):** in the process of formation, with representation that closely mirrors each county assembly district, working on County wide concerns. The group will focus on matters of common interest to all Nassau County residents, not matters that solely pertain to a single town or village. South Shore civics have thus far been the initial organizers of the NCCCA, and they seek a representative from our region (Great Neck, Manhasset, and Port Washington). Member civic due are \$40. Rich encouraged Greater Council to become involved as a member. An organizational meeting of the NCCCA is expected soon. Rich will attend as a 'convener' representing the district until such time as another district representative can be identified. The NCCCA is currently working on its bylaws. After discussion, the following motion was made by Joanne Spencer and seconded:

MOTION: To authorize GC payment of dues to NCCCA at \$40. **Motion carried unanimously.**

- d. **311 TNH Statistics**-Manhasset Service request (SR) statistics year to date average on time closure rate is 77%; below town wide average on time closure rate of 83.9%. Details distributed and on GC website.

IV. TNH Open Items List. In Anna Kaplan's absence, Rich reviewed the list with what he discussed with Sabereh Samet as the most current Status as documented on the Agenda Page 2. Of note:

- a. **TNH Redistricting** Public Hearing-October 2 Town Board meeting Public Hearing. GC promotes tweaking the Option 3 so that Munsey Park stays in District 4 and Plandome Heights is re-united with the other Plandome villages in District 6.
- b. **Plandome Road Parking Committee**-No summary from the 7/24/12 initial meeting has been issued or circulated. Marian Endrizzi was present and reported there's an effort to put in new state of the art parking meters with sensors under the pavement. Given the increased Nassau surcharge, parking tickets now cost \$75. Seemed Manhasset Park District seemed to be advancing their own control of the committee efforts. Parking lots, perhaps with shuttle buses to the Plandome Rd shopping area all discussed. Much planning and discussion amongst the committee members seemed required before any implementation can proceed.
- c. **Plandome Road Vision Project**-Members expressed growing concern that a separate committee for each related scope may not ultimately provide the best solution for problems that are integrally related. A better model for more effective long range planning requires that Manhasset needs ONE visioning stakeholder group to continue development of a plan that encompasses all aspects of the downtown area improvements, including the Plandome Rd roadway improvements (already substantially planned) as well as are parking solutions, rather than having separate task forces on each aspect. Port Washington has such a model working far more quickly than Manhasset's process.
- d. **Plandome Road Repaving**-Beautiful job and hats off to TNH Highway Dept for a job well done; minimal disruption with work performed off prime traffic hours. Two remaining items need more TNH work:
 - 1. Left turn lane onto Northern Blvd. GC had requested an extension of the turn lane length, but TNH found NYS-DOT approval was needed since it impacts the intersection and light timing of NYS Rte 25A. Knowing there was insufficient time to obtain NYS-DOT review and approval, TNH will begin that process with NYS-DOT. However, turn lane length was actually shortened from its previous existing length when TNH Highway Dept painted new lines. Evidently Highway Dept plans were never updated whenever that turn lane had been lengthened in the past. Thus, new painting conforms to what was on the official plans.
 - 2. Repaving of Plandome Rd through Plandome Heights will proceed by County after M-L Water District completes its new larger water main project in Plandome Heights.
- e. **Apple Bank Variance**-Appeal to expand parking lot and reduce buffer on 9/19 BZA agenda. Current large buffer to neighbor resident property is subject of an existing Restrictive Covenant. Obviously of much interest given a Covenant is a significant caveat at the Village Bath site. GC to write letter opposing the application.
- f. **Bayview Ave Waterfront Infrastructure**-TNH Architect Consultants are working on initial concept plans will then meet with Bayview residents and civic association for feedback (late Fall 2012).
- g. **Manhasset Bay Waterfront Advisory Committee (WAC)**- Manhasset finally obtained a seat on TNH WAC; Victor Sostar, a former BCA president is now a member and will share information on projects and concepts WAC discusses.
- h. **6th Precinct**-Nassau County never placed second officer at the desk as committed to at the GC 6/27 meeting. Many complaints of long wait time for a phone to be answered at 6th Pct policing center. GC to send letter to County Executive and Police Brass. [Update: 2nd desk officer now in place; letter not required].
- i. **Beautification**-Jeff O'Brien reports the privet hedges will be in within the next 3 weeks.
- j. **Cherry tree project**: Phyllis Lentini reports project going forward using Village of North Hills Arborist to conduct initial survey to then determine project scope of work.

V. Civic Roundtable: Only those with updates due to lack of time.

North Strathmore: Jeff reports December meeting will be held @ Onderdonk House. New welcome sign now on Andrew Rd. Construction began on Onderdonk House, planned completion before holidays.

Plandome Manor: Plandome Rd through Leeds Pond area partially paved after MLWD project. Stonytown Rd Triangle Intersection & traffic Light project funding restored through efforts of Sen. Jack Martins. Est March 2013 start date. Nassau County is performing work and billing Plandome Manor.

Terrace Manor: Parking restriction sign changes in process thanks to efforts of Councilwoman Kaplan.

IV. Upcoming Event Dates Reviewed (see agenda)

Respectfully Submitted,

Joanne Spencer, Secretary