



Council of Greater Manhasset Civic Associations, Inc.

(Greater Council)

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Bayview Civic Association
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Norgate Civic Association
North Strathmore Civic Association
Plandome Civic Association
Plandome Heights Civic Association
Shorehaven Civic Association
South Strathmore Civic Association
Strathmore Vanderbilt Civic Association
Strathmore Village Civic Association
Terrace Manor Civic Association

Liaisons to Incorporated Villages:

Flower Hill
Munsey Park
North Hills
Plandome
Plandome Heights
Plandome Manor

Other Organization Liaisons

Coalition for Safer Manhasset
Chamber of Commerce
Manhasset Preservation Society

Next Meeting: April 10, 2013
TNH Law Library 8pm

MINUTES OF MARCH 13, 2013.

A regular meeting of the Council of Greater Manhasset Civic Associations, Inc. was held at 8 PM on Wednesday March 13, 2013 at the Town of North Hempstead Law Library in Manhasset, New York with Richard Bentley, President serving as Chair and John W. Walter serving as Recording Secretary. The following persons were representing their civic associations or entities:

Officers Present:

President Richard Bentley, Bayview
Treasurer: William J. D'Antonio, Munsey Park
Secretary: John W. Walter, Flower Hill

Members and Liaisons Present:

Margaret Schwarz, Terrace Manor
Joanne Spencer, Terrace Manor CA
Katie Miller, CSM / C of C
Andrew Schwenk, South Strathmore
Eric Monroe, Bayview
James Pelzer, Norgate
Barbara Donno, Plandome Manor
Jeffrey O'Brien, North Strathmore

Guests Present:

Pat Grace, Manhasset Press
Paula Uhl, TONH Proj Indep
Anna Kaplan, TNH
Sebareh Samet, TONH
Charles Cardillo, Supt. Manhasset School Dist.
Rosemary Johnson, Manhasset School Dist.
Charles R. Leone, Manhasset School Dist.
Cindy Cardinal, Leg Aide to J Bosworth

The meeting was called to order by President Bentley, at 8:00 PM and the Agenda was re-ordered to accommodate Councilwoman Kaplan who had another meeting to attend.

Town of North Hempstead Open Items List: Councilwoman Anna Kaplan reviewed the entire Open item list (see attached) with the following new items:

Plandome Rd Merchants: The Town sent letters to all business owners/merchants reminding shop owners it is their responsibility to remove snow ASAP and urging improved compliance with keeping their respective sidewalks clean on a daily basis. The Town also assisted Chamber in distributing merchant parking survey (survey results on GC webpage).

Americana Area New Renovation Application: for 1,000 sq ft addition at #1950 Northern Blvd (vicinity of vacant J Crew store). Parking Spaces being reconfigured for net gain of 3 more parking spots. Project is within the "as-of-right" commercial code limits. While no variances are requested nor required, TNH commercial code require TNH Board review and a public hearing - set for 4/2/13.

Manhasset Valley Park Construction: Project remains on target for a April ribbon cutting ceremony/ community event. Details will be issued. Mr. Bentley expressed concern that there has been no update on the intersection of Maple and Bayview Ave as it related to the Park's parking lot and shared use agreement with Equinox. The TNH's short term fix of installing the 3 way stop sign was to be followed up with a TNH long term intersection plan to address its danger. Adding pedestrians relating to the Equinox parking agreement only serves to add even more pedestrians to this area that has NO

provision whatsoever for any pedestrian crossing, and as such remains a high community concern. Rich reminded Councilwoman Kaplan that Nassau County Executive Ed Mangano and Commissioner Shah met with Greater Council on June 27 2012 (see minutes 6-27-13 [Item 4.c link](#)) and was amenable to share some of the grass triangle land at the County's DPW facility entrance, adjacent to this intersection. Executive Mangano and Commissioner Shah asked that the TNH advance a plan/proposal. Upon the questions of whether any long term intersection planning is underway and whether the Equinox agreement was finalized, Councilwoman Kaplan said she was unaware, but will investigate and advise.

Project Independence (PI): Paula Uhl, Director, provided a brief summary of TNH services initiated with assistance from available grants to help senior age in their homes. It is estimated that 22 % of the TNH population are seniors. The Town's "311 system "makes sure" that calls are logged and responded to. Last year, there were 23,000 calls to 311 relating to senior citizen assistance from seniors, family member or care givers.

PI does not duplicate services available but rather "partners with" agencies providing senior services on a wide range of topics – help with medical appts, food and shopping transportation, government and utility services available, networks through social worker services, and even assisting seniors on home repairs. TNH received a \$850K grant to assist senior transportation; Senior pays about 50% of taxi cost, usually about \$5 per trip.

While other Town locations had community senior centers, Manhasset did not and therefore, Manhasset lags behind other communities in getting seniors registered in PI. This made it more difficult for PI to outreach to seniors during such regional emergencies like SuperStorm Sandy. Knowing where seniors are helps target assistance to them during emergencies. PI is asking for help from civics in getting Manhasset seniors registered in PI. More information on the plan to get Manhasset seniors registered will be sent via eMail to civics.

2013-14 School Budget Presentation: Rich introduced School District Superintendent Charlie Cardillo who gave a power-point presentation of the School District's proposed budget which will be over the NYS 2% cap rule; thus requiring a supermajority vote (60% in favor).

Mr. Cardillo provided copies of the current preliminary budget as well as his presentation. Voting "clickers" were provided to each person to "vote" yes or no to questions during each slide which will show on the screen as to the final votes for each question. The most substantial matters affecting the final tax levy include the fact that this year, there are relatively few school district reserves that can be utilized to reduce the tax levy, as well as significant external requirements on pension funding levels and NYS school district subsidies. Charlie expressed the "unfair" nature NYS new tax cap law that requires a 60% vote to override the 2% tax cap over the past year's budget. There was an enormous volume of discussion during the presentation. The school presented a vast degree of investigation conducted on every component of the budget, as well as what will be draconian measured required if the budget fails to be approved by the 60% majority required. At the end of the presentation, the final vote on the proposed budget was 9 yes - 2 no. Some items in the budget remain not yet confirmed/ under investigation. The final proposed budget will include the outcome of these matters. Everyone felt that this will be a difficult vote and hopefully more registered voters will actively learn the many details and vote on this most important item for this communities schools.

The school has a massive volume of available information, including short video's of budget presentations on the [School website](#). More will be available at the SCA meeting April 8th @7Pm & April 10th @ 3 PM at the Manhasset Library. On April 17th the Board adopts the proposed budget. The actual vote on May 21st.

The school Budget presentation ended at 10:15PM; leaving no time for GC's routine meeting business. The meeting was then adjourned

Respectively submitted

John W. Walter
Secretary

Greater Council Summary of Open TNH Items

- | <u>Topic</u> | <u>Last Known Status</u> |
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| <u>Plandome Road Vision Project:</u> | 5/1 Community Meeting Summary (link) and updated Community Feedback Summary (link) posted on GC "Our Projects" tab. TNH completed a Plandome Rd business area repaving project in Aug 2012. Follow-up needed on (1) Repainted crosswalk designs were the standard staggered stripes (not the expected more decorative crosswalk designs) and (2) The SB Pland Rd left turn lane onto EB 25A was actually shorted from its prior length causing even more car queue-up congestion on Plandome Rd; TNH recognizes error and is in process of having Turn Lane repainted. Councilwoman Kaplan confirmed TNH will extend lane when weather improves; confirmed Safe Routes grant funding NOT lost, will provide a more comprehensive update on how Town is advancing this project. |
| <u>Apple Bank:</u> | Variance for current non-conformance proceeds through BZA process. |
| <u>Plandome Rd Parking Committee:</u> | Committee is meeting monthly- all committee documents on GC website (link) |
| <u>Village Bath:</u> | Parking Lot construction on Bath site remains ongoing. Adjacent bldg construction proceeding. Torkan reports he met with neighbors and TNH twice since then; Residents requests under consideration including but not limited to: additional curbcut onto Northern Blvd (TNH is developing options); Awaiting desired fence detail from neighbors. |
| <u>Orchard Street Parking:</u> | USPS Drop box on Orchard to be moved to a location already marked as no parking in order to maximize available shopper parking. Ed King (landlord of USPS site) reported to Parking Committee no USPS decision made at this time for the site that would change either # employees or USPS truck parking. USPS truck and employee parking still unresolved; Ms. Kaplan's office will re-start discussion with USPS to identify & propose alternative USPS truck parking location(s), such as County DPW garage and parking lot on Maple Street, opposite Manh Valley Park. |
| <u>Onderdonk Ave Traffic Calming:</u> | TNH Public Hearing date not yet set for Stop Sign & Crosswalk @ George St; some concerns already received about potential backing up of traffic from 25A. |
| <u>Bayview Ave Infrastructure:</u> | Ms. Kaplan met w/residents at BCA 10/17. to meet again with architect concepts of a waterside walkway. TNH Board engaged architect for conceptual design alternatives to then include funding in TNH's 5 year capital plan. Architect initiated design work; concluded Bayview Ave roadbed is in good condition; no further erosion occurring. While investigating funding sources, land ownership came under question. Bayview Ave road was transferred from County to Town several years ago, but its adjacent waterside land is unclear (Town or County). Investigation underway on who owns what and if its not the Town's land, will County let TNH use any of it for such a waterside walkway in order to plan funding. Architects noted that some segments of the walkway could be to close to the water. |
| <u>Christ Church Parish House:</u> | More info on MPS website . TNH permits issued; work has begun. Blue house already demolished to prep for planned bank site. |
| <u>Plandome Pond Park:</u> | Awaiting D DeGiorgio update for installing water aeration devices to alleviate stagnant water condition/ mosquitoes, and fence post replacement. |
| <u>Norgate / Sunset Chapel Issues since 6-4-10:</u> | 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. TNH to issue imminent letter for immediate new shrub buffer plantings. Town Attorney advised defendants obtained a adjournment back on April 27, 2012, expected back in court. TNH Attny now seeking TNH Board auth to commence add'l legal action. |
| <u>Valley Park Reconstruction:</u> | Short term 3way STOP sign at Maple/Bayview installed July 2012; while a long term intersection plan is advanced. Park Plans online "Our Projects" tab GC website (link) . Work began Aug 2012 with completion by 12/31/12, but deferred comfort station/concession, playground & field light installs due to multi-year sport org contributions. GC requested timetable clarification for dredging. Equinox parking lot agreement in legal process – GC to discuss TNH Resolution . |
| <u>Lord & Taylor Expand Project:</u> | L&T proceeding with building addition as approved but is still working on architectural design modifications to facade; will forward drawings before any resubmission to TNH. |
| -----Nassau County Open Issues----- | |
| <u>Bayview Ave/Maple waterfront:</u> | NC DPW has fence replacement in NC 2013 planned work. |
| <u>Plandome Rd Repaving through Plandome Heights:</u> | Postponed pending M-L Water District water main project completion Fall 2012. Obviously, progress thwarted by Sandy Recovery priorities. |