



Council of Greater Manhasset Civic Associations, Inc.

(Greater Council)

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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: Sept.11,2013

TNH Law Library 8pm

(DRAFT) MINUTES: JUNE 12, 2013

A regular meeting of the Council of Greater Manhasset Civic Associations, Inc. (GC) was held at 8 PM on Wednesday June 12, 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 attending were representing their civic associations or entities:

Officers Present:

President : Richard Bentley, Bayview CA

1st Vice President, Elizabeth Miller, Shorehaven CA

Secretary: John W. Walter, Flower Hill Assn.

Members and Liaisons Present:

Marion Endrizzi, Plandome Heights CA

Peggy Caulson, Terrace Manor CA

Margaret Schwarz, Terrace Manor CA

Andrew Schwenk, South Strathmore CA

Jeffery O'Brian, North Strathmore, CA

Barbara Donno, Mayor, Plandome Manor

Jim Brooks, Manhasset Park CA

James E. Pelzer, Norgate CA

Jo Anne Maglione, Strathmore Village CA

Guests Present:

Dina DeGiorgio, Councilwoman TONH

Rich Nicoletto, NC Legislator

The meeting was called to order by President Bentley, at 8:00 PM welcoming Legislator Rich Nicoletto, Deputy Residing Officer & Majority Leader to discuss how the new Republican district redistribution affects some of the Villages areas with a roundtable discussion.

1) **Secretary's Report:** Approval of [5-8-13 minutes \(link\)](#): The Draft Minutes were circulated to the membership prior to this meeting.

Motion: To approve the corrected minutes of May 8th as corrected. **Motion carried unanimously.**

2) **Treasurer's Report;** Bill D'Antonio reported via eMail in absentia the current balance is: \$ 3,934.18, pending invoice just received for \$96 for the GC's P.O. Box.

a) Long time member and a Past President of the GC, Phyllis Clark recently passed away. Rich was grateful for the many civic leaders that attended her funeral. He reviewed her many civic contributions to the Manhasset Community and suggested in lieu of funeral flowers that the GC fund a Plandome Rd flower pole in her name. The following motion was made by Marion Endrizzi, seconded by John Walter,

Motion: To fund a Chamber of Commerce "Adopt-a-Pole" on Plandome Rd and plaque in memory of civic leader Phyllis Clark. **Motion carried unanimously.**

3) **County Legislator Rich Nicoletto Presentation/ Discussion:** Legislator Nicoletto (R-New Hyde Park) gave a brief summary of his background; He currently represents District 9 areas south of Manhasset from (roughly) NYC border to Westbury and serves as the Deputy Presiding Officer. The new County approved redistricting lines (the new district 9 will encompass most of Manhasset) take effect after the fall elections. He has a good working knowledge of Manhasset; his inlaws still live here. Mr. Bentley reviewed the open items and he stated he has already been working with and supporting Manhasset related open County items with our current Legislator Judi Bosworth including repaving of Plandome Rd through Plandome Heights, Plandome Manor traffic light at Stonytown Rd, County Sump cleaning in Plandome Pond Park, the Town's Bayview Ave waterfront planning adjoining the County DPW Bayview Ave dumping site (new fencing in County 2013 plan), Maple/Bayview intersection planning, and the proposed shared utilization efforts at the Maple St DPW garage site. He will assist GC as

needed on the potential for Nassau County Planning Commission review process if the Inisfada/ Brady Mansion property is sold to a developer that seeks subdivision for a new gated housing development, which the GC opposes.

4) **President's Report / Old Business:** Rich Bentley

- a) **Town of North Hempstead Open Items List.** Open Item List (Link) was reviewed in its entirety (see attached). In absence of Councilwoman Anna Kaplan, Councilwoman Dina DeGiorgio provided input on each matter
- b) **Inisfada:** St. Ignatius Retreat House. Summary, documents and newlinks are on [the GC website \(Link\)](#). Rich discussed the issues known thus far. Much information not yet confirmed and media attention is helpful to "smoke out the facts". The property is under the Village of North Hills jurisdiction for final approval and plans. The subdivision and housing development is likely to also require a Nassau County Planning Commission review. **All present at this meeting supported Rich's Open Letter to Jesuits and agreed** that we should take every way possible to have the Jesuits understand that there is another alternative in their possession that is better (saves the mansion, continues the use of the mansion as a wellness/community usage center, and doesn't impact the community infrastructure such as School District, will pay more than the current bidder) than the one the Jesuits are pursuing with a foreign developer. The alternative proposal is getting much more support from the community.
- c) **School Budget:** \$3.1M reduction with a 1.97% tax levy increase; but, still needs a 60% "majority" to pass. (secretary's note: 6/18/13 vote: 5,157 voted, 3,706 yes, 1451 no; Highest turnout in many years: About the same 'no's' as initial vote).
- d) **PWMOEM** (Port Washington-Manhasset Office of Emergency Management), aka North Shore Alert (NSA). Will invite Peter Foreman come to future GC. GC unanimously requests TNH to support adding Manhasset's unincorporated Town's areas for membership, as that system proved far more valuable to resident during Sandy. Our's is the only section of the Port W peninsula currently not served by PWOEM/ NSA. Councilwomen DeGiorgio is in support of and will discuss with the Town the feasibility to add Manhasset's unincorp's to the NSA.
- e) **311 Stats:** Reviewed the May 2013 SR details for Manhasset on GC website (link). Current YTD 75% on-time completion, consistent volume and onTime performance compared to previous year same period,.
- f) **Plandome Road Parking Committee update:** See [GC website Link](#) for all committee document including the "CARPORT" concept. The economic feasibility has not yet been studied and is needed before further consideration and initiating community discussion. Meetings will resume in the fall, they hope to issue a report over summer on committee activity during first 6 months. The committee and MPD are advancing discussions for potential merchant employee parking at existing not-for-profit lots such as American Legion and Community Reformed Church. Landlord Ed King expressed willingness to allow use of his private lot (behind the Rite Aid lot) on weekends when the upper floor office tenants are not in use. Ed Wassmer reported some merchants do not want to pay for parking spaces.
- g) **MPD Update:** Andrew Schwenk reported multiple new "No Parking, Drop-Off Zone Only" signs added to the front of the LIRR station house and showed photos. Enforcement agents of the MPD advised signs help them perform their duties, he felt too many signs were placed and that their oversized announcement is inappropriate. GC members concurred and expressed disappointment at the new "city" look to the entrance, but many thought they were placed by LIRR. GC members unanimously agreed that we should work with the MPD to find a better solution that doesn't appear so unsightly.
- h) **Beautification Efforts**
 - i) **Manhasset 1680 Sign Restoration:** John Walter reported weather has held up my subcontractor from working the sign. He hopes to be able to start next week. Cost thus far is expected to be minimal, if any.
 - ii) **Plandome Rd Colonial Shutter Project:** Jeff O'Brien advised that he is working with Councilwoman Kaplan on funding for increased 'colonial style' shutter installations to advance the uniformity of the Plandome Rd in vicinity of LIRR stationhouse.

5) Civic Report roundtable:

Strathmore Village: JoAnne Maglione noted parking lot @ Apple Store is almost done; Still awaiting lot's south border fence style proposal from adjacent homeowners. No work has started yet on 1950 Northern Blvd site.

Plandome Manor: Barbara Donno noted Stonytown triangle traffic light advancing; work could start mid-summer.

Plandome Heights: Marion Endrizzi and Councilwoman DeGiorgio provided an update- see attached TNH Open Item List. TNH Parks Dept advises that a meeting with Sup Kaiman is planned upon his return from leave. Some residents reported 311 refused to take new SR reports on this matter, others received new SRs; are 311 stats being accurately reflected? Rich Bentley emphasized the importance of receiving an SR# and residents can insist upon receiving an SR#. Councilwoman DiGiorgio said she would follow up with 311 on this matter.

6) **Adjournment and Future GC Presentations:** Manhasset – Great Neck EOC, and Mt. Olive Church property/ Spinney Hill potential development project are planned for Sept meeting. With no other business, the following motion was made, and seconded.

Motion: To adjourn at 9:58 pm. **Motion Carried Unanimously.**

Respectively submitted
John W. Walter, Secretary

Greater Council Summary of Open TNH Items

Topic **Last Known Status**

1950 Northern Blvd. Commercial Application: [More details \(link\)](#). 4/2/13 TNH Board approved after Public Hearing

Mt Olive Church property ([Site Map Link](#)): in Spinney Hill in development consideration by local developer David Gallo. Preliminary environmental study is underway. If favorable, a future presentation to GC in June or Sept will be planned.

Plandome Road Vision Project: [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). **Councilwoman Kaplan confirmed TNH will extend southbound Plandome Rd left turn lane to eastbound 25A (est mid-June weather dependant); confirmed Safe Routes grant funding NOT lost, will provide a more comprehensive update on how Town is advancing this project.**

Apple Bank: Variance for current non-conformance proceeds through BZA process.

Plandome Rd Parking Committee: Committee is meeting monthly- all committee documents on [GC website Parking Committee documents link](#). **Committee is recessing for summer, but is preparing a summary of its first 6 month activities to be shared publically with all constituencies.**

Plandome Pond Park: TNH park crews have begun clearing debris, filling in the holes made by their vehicles. Fertilizing and seeding was done in May. Residents have been calling 311 re the condition of the pond. Some received SR numbers, others did not. Greater Council President Bentley emphasized the importance of receiving an SR number. Councilwoman DiGeorgio said she would follow up with 311 on this matter. If dredging of pond is advanced, soil sampling and a DEC permit is required. DeGiorgio said she would continue pressure on Parks Dept for completion of the replacement split rail fence, the pond and other pending issues with the park. Per request by Legislator Judi Bosworth , a crew came in from Nassau County DPW to clean up Sump 408, which is located in the park.

Village Bath: Parking Lot construction on Bath site **nearing completion**. 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. Adjacent bldg construction proceeding; **One of the new tenants is expected to be a high end furniture store.**

Orchard Street 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 advise on TNH's designed relocation site; actual relation to be done by USPS. TNH 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.**

Onderdonk Ave Traffic Calming: TNH Public Hearing date not yet set for Stop Sign & Crosswalk @ George St; Ms Kaplan reports some concerns already received about potential backing up of traffic from 25A. **GC requested details on the concerns that Town reports it received.**

Bayview Ave Infrastructure: Ms. Kaplan met w/residents at Bayview Civic (BCA) 10/17/12 and will meet again once architect concepts are ready. TNH Board engaged architect for waterside walkway conceptual design alternatives to then include funding in TNH's 5 year capital plan. Some segments of the walkway could be too close to the water. Architect concluded Bayview Ave roadbed is in good condition; no further erosion occurring. While investigating funding sources. land ownership in question. County transferred Bayview Ave road to Town 7 years ago, but its adjacent waterside land is unclear (Town or County); Investigation underway. **A meeting with TNH grant planners and BCA was held May 1st ; BCA President Eric Monroe can provide details.**

Christ Church Parish House: More info on [MPS website](#). Site work continues underway; **new bank building construction has started.**

Norgate / Sunset Chapel Issues since 6-4-10: 22 Norgate, owned by the Steinbergs of Sunset Chapel, remains abandoned and an eyesore to the community. TNH attempted immediate new shrub buffer plantings by owner, but feared could lead to owners removing all large plantings, which would be worse for neighbors. Norgate Civic agreed.

Valley Park Reconstruction: April 27 Ribbon Cutting Celebration planned. 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 Our Projects- Valley Park \(link\)](#). Work began Aug 2012 with deferred comfort station/concession, playground & field light installs due to multi-year sport org contributions. **GC requested timetable clarification for creek dredging. Equinox parking lot agreement not yet signed; still negotiating. GC noted public safety remedy to prevent vehicular intrusion at Maple St, field/grandstand perimeter. GC requests project update meeting to review all outstanding project items.**

Lord & Taylor Expand Project: 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**-----

Bayview Ave/Maple waterfront: NC DPW has fence replacement in NC 2013 planned work.

Plandome Rd Repaving through Plandome Heights: Postponed by M-L Water District water main project completion Fall 2012; progress thwarted by Sandy Recovery priorities. County approved work to be done by and reimbursement to TNH. TNH planning Spring 2013 repayment.

Shelter Rock Rd (SRR) and Searingtown Rd Cherry Tree Restoration. Devastating post-Sandy County complete tree removals have destroyed this longstanding beautiful Manhasset gateway. **Tree stump removals, and new-planting of flowering trees done.**