



Council of Greater Manhasset Civic Associations, Inc.

(Greater Council)

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Bayview Civic Association
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Manhasset Park Civic Association
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

MEETING SUMMARY: APRIL 9, 2014– DRAFT 2

A meeting of the Council of Greater Manhasset Civic Associations, Inc. (GC) was held at 8 PM on Wednesday, April 9, 2014, at the Town of North Hempstead Law Library in Manhasset, New York; with Richard Bentley, serving as Chair and John W. Walter, serving as Recording Secretary. The following persons were in attendance (see Special Note at end):

Officers Present:

President: Richard Bentley, Bayview CA
1st Vice President: Liz Miller, Shorehaven, VP, CA
Secretary: John W. Walter, Flower Hill Assn.
William D'Antonio, Treasurer, Munsey Park

Members and Liaisons Present:

Aida Ferman, Plandome Heights, CA
Barbara Donno, Plandome Manor, CA
Andrew Schwenk, South Strathmore, CA

Guest Present:

Richard J. Nicoletto, NC Legislator Dist. 9

The meeting was called to order by Richard Bentley at 8PM. Roundtable presentation of those in attendance, introduced themselves by speaking their names and their association.

1. Richard Nicoletto Nassau County Legislator and Deputy Presiding Officer of the County Legislature. Mr. Bentley waived the regular agenda to introduce Mr. Nicoletto who now represents Manhasset. Mr. Bentley noted that Mr. Nicoletto and his staff have been keeping in regular contact and helping to expedite several County items in the Manhasset area even prior to the recent re-districting and election, including:

- a. **Plandome Rd/ Manhasset Avenue Intersection Project:** that has been languishing in the County for over half a year, which has finally been approved by the County. The Town had planned to implement during the next available school break; however, seems more likely will be implemented when summer break begins.
- b. **County Dump Site Fence** replacement at Bayview Ave (near LIRR Trestle/Maple St) had been promised for completion in Summer 2013, but remains pending. He is hopeful that it will be completed in Spring 2014.
- c. **County PDW Building and Property.** Several possible shared utilization to improve safety and better utilization, including:
 - TNH had implemented a 3 way stop at the Bayview/Maple intersection as an interim safety measure until the entire intersection could be redesigned; new Valley Park. If County is willing to transfer a portion of the small grass area triangle at entrance/exit to County DPW building, that additional space would be able to allow for planning safer turn lane(s) as part of that permanent safe intersection plan.
 - NCDPW property has underutilized portions during the bulk of the year at north and south end of property that could greatly benefit the public for additional parking during eve and weekend peak game times in the park (when DPW building has little/no activity).
 - Working with TNH for alt sites for school busses that may need to vacate Bar Beach area by 2016 due to statutory prohibitions that do not allow parkland for such purposes.
 - Potential use by USPS for off hour postal truck parking now taking prime shopper parking on Orchard St.

In other Manhasset areas, Barbara Donno noted the Village Plandome Manor's concern over the County's completion of the Stonytown/ Plandome intersection traffic lights; County installed 10 lights but only 6 were in the original County plan shared with the Village.

2. **Secretary's Report:** The March 12, 2014 minutes had not been previously circulated to the membership and will be voted upon at the May meeting.
3. **Treasurer's Report:** Bill D'Antonio reported the current balance as of March 31, 2013 at \$ 3,915.41. The new GC savings "Reserve Fund" bank account at Chase was completed with all signatures and now has a balance as of March 31, 2013 of \$2,476.32
4. **President's Report/ Old Business Status:**
 - a. **TNH Open Items List:** Councilwoman Kaplan was unavailable to attend this meeting. She has not yet provided any update to the Open Items List since March 12, 2014
 - b. **Parking Committee/MPD Update** – Andrew Schwenk noted: 61 Locust St house was raised and removed for new parking spaces. However, the Committee did not get a permit from the TNH to remove the house because they believe they do not require getting a permit under NYS law. This standstill appears to be straining the Town/MPD relationship, and in the end hurting our community through reduced progress.
 - c. **Manhasset Lakeville Water District (MLWD)** – The TNH had a hearing chaired by Andrew DeMartin, TNH Public Safety Commissioner. on April 10, 2014 with approximately 70 persons in attendance. The session was composed of a 160 slide presentation by the MLWD's Engineering Firm which proposed to install a new modern 750,000 gallon gravity feed water tank to replace the current 1929 500,000 gallon tank that has now corroded to the point of its end of life. Those residents whose homes that are near the current tank want the tank to be under ground for aesthetic reasons where as those who are further away from the structure are less concerned about the aesthetics. Those that would prefer the underground tank want the MLWD to come up with more "transparency" regarding an underground plan which "mirrors" the costs of that plan against the gravity plan, and present that plan the residents in another meeting before the MLND makes it's final decision.
 - d. **North Shore Alert:** In February 12th the GC requested that the TNH support the unincorporated areas of the Cow Neck Peninsula into the current PW-MOEM's North Shore Alert (NSA) program, currently the only areas on the peninsula that are not covered by the program. The TNH Public Safety Commissioner, Andrew DeMartin, gave a full view of all of the TNH's public safety concerns including the NSA system. Currently, the TNH hasn't made any decision regarding the GC's request to join the NSA system. The total cost to the TNH would only be around \$5,000 per year to join this well organized Alert system that can send out emails and/or telephone messages **to specific areas** of the peninsula without repetition when answered for any type of notice that is needed for any reasonable alert. The NSA is the only alert system that can presently do this. After a lengthy discussion on this matter, those present agreed that the GC should have a vote of all the members of the GC via email to show support to the TNH that the GC has full support to have the TNH join the NSA system A.S.A.P. as the cost to the TNH is minuscule. We decided it would be best to have a unanimous vote by hopefully all GC members.
 - e. **PS&G High Voltage Electric Utility Pole Installations:** A lengthy discussion regarding the new 80+ foot poles, after which we all agreed that the poles were a necessary improvement that will resist any new weather related damage to the main electric lines servicing the area. There was a large meeting last week chaired by the President of PS&G which did not "play well" with the residents. However, the facts are that the old poles have not been able to sustain the recent weather problems and the installation of higher and stronger poles would be the way to keep the power on the main lines so that the secondary lines can be repaired faster in the future. LIPA had already submitted the plans for new poles and had approval to do the work before PS&G took over the job. The residents wanted the lines buried instead, which would be much more expensive and would take years to finish and would make road traffic a disaster for years. John Walter suggested that if they wanted to hide the poles, all they had to do is to plant a few English Ivy plants at the base of the poles and in a few years they will be all green summer & winter.
 - f. **Adam Haber:** A candidate for NYS Senate has requested to address GC at the next meeting; members had no objection; will be placed on May GC agenda.
5. **Adjournment:** The meeting was adjourned 10:10 PM

SPECIAL NOTE: It was realized after this meeting that there was insufficient members present for quorum to be able to formally conduct any GC business.

There were only 4 of 11 member-associations present (others present are liaisons or civic associations that have not paid annual GC dues). There are 11 dues paying GC member-associations and quorum requires 50%. Thus 6 member-associations are required for GC business to be conducted.

Therefore, the information herein is made available but any/all motions that had been proposed or taken during this meeting could not be acted upon and have therefore been stricken from this summary.

Respectively submitted by:
John W. Walter, Recording Secretary