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*Bayview Civic Association
Flower Hill Civic Association
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 Liaisons:

*Chamber of Commerce
Coalition Against Substance Abuse
Coalition for a Safer Manhasset
Manhasset Park District
Manhasset Preservation Society*

MINUTES OF MEETING September 13, 2017

A regular meeting of the Council of Greater Manhasset Civic Associations, Inc. (GC) was held at 7:30PM on September 13, 2017 at the Town of North Hempstead Town Hall, Rich Bentley serving as Chair and Sabine Hairabedian as Recording Secretary. The following persons were in attendance:

Officers Present:

President, Rich Bentley, Bayview CA
1st VP, Andrew Schwenk, S Strathmore CA
Treasurer: Bill D'Antonio

Members/Guests Present:

Marion Endrizzi, Plandome Heights CA
John Minogue, Bayview CA
John Walter, Village of Flower Hill
Sabine Hairabedian, Shorehaven CA
Regina Galli, Strathmore Village CA
Andrew Schwenk, S Strathmore CA
Barbara Donno, Plandome Manor CA
Sam Glasser, Manhasset Times
Ken Weigand, Manhasset Park District

- 1) **Call to Order:** The meeting was called to order at 7:35pm by Rich Bentley.
- 2) **Councilwoman Kaplan/Sabereh Samet TNH Update: Councilwoman Kaplan TNH Update:**
 - Roads have been repaved in Shorehaven and in South Strathmore; Details posted on GC webpage.
 - Town Attorney still negotiating with Park District regarding the intermunicipal agreement for the reconfiguration of the commuter parking lot#3 that adds 16 more parking spotsUpdated TNH Open Items List on GC webpage ([link](#)).
- 3) **President's Report/Old Business:** Rich Bentley
 - a. **311 Stats** ([link](#))
 - b. **Beautification Updates:** Quick presentation by Andrew Schwenk. One of the signs over the Plandome Rd station bridge was ripped off and needs to be replaced, or wall repainted.
The Chamber of Commerce changed some of the planters on Plandome Rd where the evergreens were dead, replacement looks good. TNH has been watering hanging plants after initial confusion that staff did not know they were also supposed to water planters; TNH now watering them.
 - c. **Town Attorney:** status of review Grandfathered Commercial Parking Permit records. Zelko was never sold (sale apparently fell through) and TNH gave him a \$5,000 fine (for its illegal parking activities) due by end of Sept. Will Zelko keep doing business as usual, with fines as a cost of doing business, or will it be deterred? Town attorney has been very

forthcoming with this parking issue, however they need better code enforcement and/ or legislation to improve enforcement ability.

- d. **Manhasset Park District Updates:** Update from Ken Weigand - negotiations going on with Town regarding the intermunicipal agreements. Town wants MPD to recreate set of plans because now plans are 2-yrs old. There is no structure being built, permit not needed so why all these plans/process? August 2018 is next window of project opportunity because the work needs to be done when parking volume is lower. There has been a verbal approval from Superintendent Judi Bosworth that she is in support of the plan but then everything has to go through the process => very slow.

Painting of lot at Hillside parking was completed

Railroad lease up next year. Negotiations back and forth. Senator Philips is involved in discussions.

Rich asked if civic could get involved in suggesting ideas to maintain the property adjacent to the train station house as green area are not properly maintained and LIRR sprayed with total vegetation killer => not a proper solution!.

Andrew Schwenk thanked MPD for doing a great job at maintaining the area planted by the Manhasset Women Coalition Against Breast Cancer

New traffic lights at intersection of Plandome Rd and Park Avenue are going up for turn left signal onto Park Avenue.

- e. **Bylaw review** – Rich got no feedback since material circulated in May. Bylaws are outdated, some civic associations do no longer exist, members are split between voting members and liaisons (non-paying members). Controversy continues on voting rights on non-financial matters for non-paying liaison members who do not pay GC dues.
- f. **Common Sense Guideline for roadway lawn signs** – GC discussed and adopted and will send to local campaigns for voluntary compliance. Moved by **Andrew Schwenk and seconded by John Minogue.**
MOTION: To approve and send the guidelines. **Motion Carried Unanimously.**
- g. **Update on TD Bank site:** Current owner of gas station and adjacent lots at corner of Plandome and Northern will continue short-term leases for the moment and is reviewing different proposals. He turned down fast food proposals. More interest from car dealerships. Adjacent Sunset Chapel property recently sold to a car dealership, but buyer not yet identified.
- h. **“Manhasset 1680” Sign Repair needed:** On 25A in front of Benihana / Whole Foods; Andrew Schwenk to get a repair quote for the supporting pole and GC will vote on it.
- i. **Renaming of Port Washington Blvd:** portion between Northern Blvd and Crabapple Rd to be renamed “Sgt James J Regan Boulevard”. Ceremony will take place on Monday, Sept 25th at 10AM (subsequently postponed).

- 4) **Secretary’s Report:** Draft of June 14, 2017 minutes were distributed; posted ([link](#)). After discussion, Motion made by Andrew Schenk and seconded by John Minogue to approve.

MOTION: To accept the 6/14/17 Minutes as presented. **Motion Carried Unanimously.**

- 5) **Treasurer’s Report:** Checking account balance as of 08/31/17: \$2,478.22. Savings account balance \$2,477.70. Total Balance \$4,955.92. Motion made by Andrew Schwenk to accept the Treasurer’s Report. Seconded by Regina Galli.

MOTION: To accept the 8/31/17 Treasurers Report as presented. **Motion Carried Unanimously.**

- a. 2017/18 Dues: The invoices were sent out late June but not all members have paid. Not Yet Paid are **Bayview CA, Plandome CA, North Strathmore CA, South Strathmore CA, Terrace Manor CA.**

6) **Civic Roundtable:**

- **Plandome Heights:** annual meeting Oct 19 at PW Yacht Club. Guest speakers: Jack Martins, the POP team, David Paterson and Rich Bentley, and perhaps Laura Curran. Despite all the work and money spent, the water of the pond at Plandome Park, growth of *curly pond weeds*. Town staff is physically pulling weeds. POP team has been regularly to the park because of growing youth marijuana use; much more than in the past. Police come regularly to disburse loitering. The Plandome Heights CA is participating in the collection of donations for hurricane relief.

- **Shorehaven:** Street repaving of completed. Unfortunately, one of the pillars at the entrance of Andover was damaged during the repaving by a steam roller (large stone removed at the base). The Town is aware of the situation that needs repair; Waiting for repair to take place.
No illegal activity on West Shore road to report so that's good news.
- **Bayview:** Cleanup of the area near the ramp sidewalk of LIRR station on Manhasset Avenue near overpass bridge @ MHS took place in August, overgrown bushes cut by a group of residents on town property along the sidewalk. Crosswalks on overpass bridge still unresolved by TNH. Issue with 311 where service requests get closed as completed without being resolved. Part of the problem is pictures attached to an email do not get passed on to the person who is responding to service request and things get misinterpreted. Parking infractions in vicinity of Myrtle continue unsolved.
- **Plandome Manor:** Car break-ins, often parked in driveways are happening again. Interestingly this is resurfacing at the same time as construction of a new house replacing old historical house started. Bad flooding on Plandome Rd along Leeds Pond (between the culvert and the triangle), still waiting for Town drain installations: TNH team has been on site several times, but the job remains incomplete.
PW/Manhasset Office of Emergency Management is ready for storm season in case of emergency, providing Villages improved oversight and greater control. The Village of Sands Point owns the Sands Point Mansion and generously made available 3-4 rooms on basement floor with 16 phone lines providing an alt emergency operations center for villages to operate from there. Peter Foreman, a trustee of Sands Point Village, is the head of PW/M OEM).
South Strathmore: Summer repaving of streets completed.
Strathmore Village: Intersection of Searingtown and Northern Blvd will be repaved to eliminate the constant potholes there. Along Harrow La, new stop signs put in with greater police enforcement. Majority of residents want left turn restriction on Searingtown Rd 7AM-9AM (no left turn onto Harrow). Civic is continuing petition to show majority in favor.
real estate signs "For sale" are proliferating; eyesore in the community. In the past, there has been an unofficial agreement among real estate agents in Manhasset to no post "for sale" sign on houses for sale. There is no Town ordinance preventing those signs (since such ordinance must cover entire TNH areas). There are now more real estate agents from outside Manhasset coming and doing business here and they don't know the local preference. Issue to be addressed requesting voluntary cooperation of the real estate industry via letters and calls to local real estate agencies.

7) **Adjournment:** There being no further business, the following motion was made and seconded:

Motion: to Adjourn at 9:30pm by Rich Bentley. Seconded by Andrew Schwenk.

Motion Carried Unanimously.

Respectively submitted:
Sabine Hairabedian, Recording Secretary.