

## MINUTES OF MEETING April 11, 2018

A regular meeting of the Council of Greater Manhasset Civic Associations, Inc. (GC) was held at 7:30PM on April 11, 2018 at the 2<sup>nd</sup> Floor Town Board Room with Rich Bentley serving as Chair and Sue Auriemma as Recording Secretary. The following persons were in attendance:

### **Officers Present:**

President, Rich Bentley, Bayview CA  
 1<sup>st</sup> Vice President, Andrew Schwenck, S Strathmore CA  
 2<sup>nd</sup> Vice President, Elizabeth Miller, Shorehaven CA  
 Secretary, Sue Auriemma, CASA Liaison  
 Bill D'Antonio, Treasurer

### **Members Present:**

John Minogue, Bayview CA  
 Michael Schwartz, Plandome Heights CA  
 Regina Galli, Strathmore CA  
 Chuck McCarthy, Plandome Heights CA  
 Ann Marie Cerrone, Strathmore CA  
 Katie Miller, Chamber of Commerce  
 John Minogue, Bayview CA  
 Charles Maas, N Strathmore CA  
 Donald O'Brien, Manhasset Park CA

### **Guests Present:**

See attached

1) **Call to Order:** The meeting was called to order at 7:35pm by Rich Bentley.

2) **585 Plandome Road – Seafield Drug and Alcohol Counseling Center:**

- a) Greater Council working with elected officials, property owner, and NCPD to understand the facts of the issue and the concerns of residents. Facility opened two years ago and in the past few months a change has been seen. Cause for change needs to be identified and remedied.
- b) Supervisor Bosworth: Town grateful to be part of the discussion. Town Board shares the concerns of residents. BZA which granted use of the space and is a separate board from the Town Board. Legally they are separate entities. Restriction was lifted that was imposed in 1982. Notification of BZA hearings needs to be made more readable by residents. Important to bring all entities to the table to identify issues and solutions. Community needs to come together on this as addiction is a real issue in our community and beyond. Mayor Risica asked if BZA notifies abutting municipalities. Supervisor would like to hold a meeting for all stakeholders.
- c) Councilwoman Kaplan: Facility was not approved by the Town Board. Variance was obtained at BZA and the tenant is present as of right having opened June 2016. Many residents have shared concerns with the Councilwoman via phone and email. Town Attorney has been asked to determine if the tenant is within compliance with the BZA variance. It has been confirmed this is not a methadone clinic and medication is not being dispensed as it is prohibited by their lease. TNH requested increased enforcement and POP Unit has been present in the area. Town Attorney's office is looking at the grounds upon which the use was permitted by BZA.
- d) Councilwoman DiGiorgio: Shares the concerns of all. Wants to help to gather accurate facts and have questions answered. Community seems to be on the same page.
- e) Commanding Officer of NCPD Third Precinct Inspector Daniel Flanagan: NCPD is committed to public safety as #1 priority. Looked at dispatch system since Jan 201. 9 calls for service to that address that included alarm calls and calls for ambulance including three at physical therapy and two aided cases from Seafield (later identified as overly intoxicated patients by the COO). Including 121 calls since January and no trend has appeared in increased concerns or threats in the 608 post. Residents must call 911 to document concerns and have NCPD respond.
- f) John Haley, COO from Seafield. Worked there for 30 years. Affected by alcoholism personally having lost his father to alcoholism. Families in Support of Treatment (FIST) works closely with Seafield and with schools. Seven locations of Seafield. 65 people go to Seafield in Manhasset for counseling currently. These are residents and neighbors from North Shore. Uptick in court ordered counseling is unfounded. Eight were court-mandated. Seafield willing to provide zip codes of 65 clients and demonstrate that these are Manhasset, Port Washington, Roslyn. They do not, have not and will not ever provide a prescription for medication. Lease does not allow it.

Other locations do but this location does not. Loitering not permitted. Three tenants in building have written letters saying they have had no issues with Seafeld as a co-tenant. Rich Bentley asked what happens if a patient enters the facility impaired. Mr. Haley responded that this is appointment-based counseling. If patient is under the influence, keys can be confiscated, police can be called but this has never happened in the Manhasset location. Two times an ambulance was called for individuals under the influence. One was a woman who was under the influence of alcohol and accompanied by her husband. Resident states he met with clinic director and she said unless individual is "out of control" then they are released to the streets. Mr. Haley is adamant that those in danger or a danger to others will not be turned out onto the street. Sixty-five patients is consistently the number of patients being treated. Hours are 9am until 8:30pm M-F and until 12pm on Saturday. Rich Bentley confirmed this is not a treatment center and does not provide prescriptions but rather is a counseling center. MAT = Medicated Assistance Treatment treats withdrawal from addiction. This is an abstinence program and they do not support methadone treatment. Medical treatment is done by a doctor that the center refers him to not at this center. COO confirms that the center is not making a profit at this location.

- 3) Rich to draft a letter for review by GC members. Content to include: More investigation is necessary. Commitments from Mr. Haley and we will follow up. Residents urged to call 911 if they see a potential issue. Town to organize another public forum within the next 30 days. No direct correlation can currently be drawn based on the facts to date between residents reporting situations of concern and the counseling center.
- 4) **Secretary's Report:** Minutes for March 14, 2018 meeting not available for review. Will be presented prior to May meeting. Posted [\(link\)](#).
- 5) **Treasurer's Report:** Checking account balance as of 3/30/18: \$3,164.69. Savings account balance \$2,477.82 Total Balance \$5,642.53. Motion made by John Minogue to accept the Treasurer's Report. Seconded by Andrew Schwenk.

**MOTION:** To accept the 3/30/18 Treasurers Report as presented. **Motion Carried Unanimously.**

- 6) **President's Report/Old Business:** Rich Bentley
  - a) **311 Stats:** Updated TNH Open Items List on GC webpage [\(link\)](#).
- 7) **Civic Report Roundtable:** Time did not permit.
- 8) **Adjournment:**

**Motion:** to Adjourn at 9:15 pm by Chuck McCarthy. Seconded by Rich Bentley.  
**Motion Carried Unanimously.**

Respectively submitted:  
Sue Auriemma

Guests Present:

Amelia Camurati, Blank Slate Media

Ann Marie Curd Fruhauf, Manhasset Board of Education

Mayor Ken Risica, Plandome Heights

Marion Endrizzi, former President Plandome Heights CA

Gail Hindman

Colleen Graham Arnold

Marybeth Loughlin

Peggy Carlson

Anthony LaSalle

Gus Puriopoula

Richard Tortora

Byron Main

Louis Cortegianu

Barbara Pellettieri

Ballard Hindman

Jen DeSena, Manhasset CASA

Brett Coopers

Mayor Frank DeMento, Munsey Park

Bobby Anastasia

John Haley, Seafield COO

Jared Beschell