

## MINUTES OF MEETING October 10, 2018

A regular meeting of the Council of Greater Manhasset Civic Associations, Inc. (GC) was held at 7:30PM on October 10, 2018 in the Supervisor's Conference Room at the Town of N Hempstead with Rich Bentley serving as Chair and Sue Auriemma as Recording Secretary. The following persons were in attendance:

### **Officers Present:**

President, Rich Bentley, President, Bayview CA  
 Andrew Schwenck, 1<sup>st</sup> VP, South Strathmore CA  
 Bill D'Antonio, Treasurer  
 Sue Auriemma, Secretary

### **Members Present:**

Chuck McCarthy, Plandome Heights Civic  
 Jennifer DeSena, N Strathmore Civic  
 Barbara Donno, Plandome Manor  
 TJ Costello, Manhasset Chamber of Commerce  
 Donald O'Brien, Manhasset Park Civic  
 Dandro Abballe, Strathmore Village Civic  
 Lucas Lau, Shorehaven Civic  
 Marc Francis, Terrace Manor Civic  
 Alexandra Schumm, Terrace Manor Civic  
 Michael Schwartz, Plandome Heights Civic  
 Marion Endrizzi, Plandome Heights Civic  
 Chuck McCarthy, Plandome Heights Civic  
 Sabine Harabedien, Shorehaven Civic

### **Guests Present:**

Assemblyman Tony D'Urso  
 Teri West, Manhasset Times  
 Landon Dais, Political Affairs Manager, MedMen  
 Kris & Daniel Torkin, Owner 1575 Northern Blvd

- 1) **Call to Order:** The meeting was called to order at 7:30pm by Rich Bentley.
- 2) **Presentation with NYS Assemblyman Anthony D'Urso:** GC discussed with Assemblyman D'Urso: NYS funding assistance to help fund a feasibility study with regard to waste water treatment for Manhasset's Plandome Rd commercial area. Q&A on proposed MedMen medical marijuana facility. Will need variance for parking. NYS DOH only establishes number of dispensaries in each county. Beyond that no regulatory involvement; Need NYS help/ assistance to develop and impose greater facility location restrictions in neighborhoods for medical marijuana dispensaries. Assemblyman D'Urso expressed steadfast support in these matters.
- 3) **Presentation and Discussion with MedMen on 1575 Northern Blvd application.** Powerpoint presentation by MedMen available on [GC website \(link\)](#). MedMen is publicly traded. CSE: MMEN. MedMen reports that 62% of patients using their current Lake Success location are from Manhasset and Great Neck and that the move to Manhasset is to make location more convenient for patients. Marijuana in store is in vault, not on display. Only card holders may enter – tours require a certain ratio of security and staff; and welcome members to visit. MedMen is one of ten companies in NY. Each company is allowed 4 locations within NYS as per NY law and require dispensaries be spread out. MedMen wants to be good neighbor with community and work collaboratively with transparency, and communicate directly with local law enforcement. Compliant driven. Rich Bentley noted he spoke with NCPD 3<sup>rd</sup> Precinct Commanding Officer who was unaware of any Pct interaction with MedMen. The application is in to TNH Bldg Dept for building permit; no action taken yet, but variance for parking is expected to be necessary. Retail requires 1 for every 300 sf after the first 1000sf. Building dept is requiring this as medical office but MedMen is looking to get this recognized as retail use, "more like an eyeglass store." Lake Success is classified as medical facility. Syracuse and Buffalo are in retail locations. Andrew Schwenk asked how the store would change if recreational use is legalized. Best comparison is Beverly Hills store. 75 customers a day when medical went to 250 customers per day when recreational. Adult use limits the amount you can buy. Must be 21 and show ID to get in, and cannot go over a certain limit to purchase even recreational products. NYS is the most highly regulated state for medical use.

MedMen claims to exceed NYS requirements using at least two security guards 24-7. . Hours of operation 10am-8pm. Assemblyman D'Urso asks why so much security as it is far more than pharmacies where opioids and narcotics are dispensed. MedMen responded because they want to be good neighbors. Prevent loitering, theft, use on premises. Enhanced security also because of cash and products. Cannot accept credit cards. Lake Success: Was 10-12 patients per day, now 50-60 patients. Does not anticipate variety of products that are available in CA will be allowed in NYS. Anticipate 60-75 per day in new location. Average visit = 7 minutes. Andrew Schwenk asked if traffic study is being done for location.

- 4) **Secretary's Report:** Minutes for the September 12, 2018 meeting will be reviewed and approved at November meeting.
- 5) **Treasurer's Report:** Checking account balance as of 8/31/18: \$2,970.75. Savings account balance \$2,477.96 Total Balance \$5,448.71. Report will be reviewed at November meeting as time did not permit.
- 6) **President's Report/Old Business:** Time did not permit **TNH Open Items List** on GC webpage ([link](#)).
- 7) **Civic Report Roundtable:** Time did not permit.

**Upcoming Events:**

- Sat 10/13/18 Noon to 8pm **Harvest Festival St Marys** at High School grounds
- Sun 10/14/18 Rally Opposing Marijuana Dispensary Facility; MJDavies Green 11:30am to 1pm.
- Thurs 10/18/18 Plandome Heights Civic Association Annual Meeting –GC members are welcomed
- Sat 10/20/18 and 10/21/18 STOP (Stop Throwing Out Pollutants) Event N Hempstead Beach North Lot 9am-3pm
- Sat 10/20/18 Paper Shredding Event – sponsored by Chamber of Commerce Staples 10am-2pm
- Wed 10/24/18 at 6:30pm **MWCABC Ladies Night Out @ Leonards.**
- Thurs 10/25/18 3<sup>rd</sup> Pct Community Forum at Shelter Rock Elementary School 7pm to 9pm

8) **Adjournment:**

**Motion:** to Adjourn at 10:00 pm by Sue Auriemma. Seconded by Andrew Schwenk.  
**Motion Carried Unanimously.**

Respectively submitted:  
Sue Auriemma