



# *Council of Greater Manhasset Civic Associations, Inc.*

*(Greater Council)*

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## **Member Civic Associations:**

*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*

*Plandome Mills Homeowners Association*

*Shorehaven Civic Association*

*South Strathmore Civic Association*

*Strathmore Vanderbilt Civic Assoc.*

*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 Safer Manhasset*

*Manhasset Park District*

*Manhasset Preservation Society*

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## **MINUTES OF MEETING**

**March 13<sup>th</sup>, 2024**

A regular meeting of the Council of Greater Manhasset Civic Associations, Inc. (GC) was held at 7:30 pm on March 13, 2024, at the Town Hall Attorney's Rm with Andrew Schwenk serving as Chair and Ava Neylon serving as Recording Secretary.

## **Manhasset Open Items Issues**

- **Maintenance of TNH buildings** along Plandome road (210 and 200 Plandome road)
  - No formal update but it is being worked on
  - Windows are in the 5 year Capital plan that has been voted on and passed
  - The DPW Commissioner and Director of Purchasing must move this process forward.
  - 2 years ago we brought up to Councilwoman Lurvey and she had painters out there painting from 10 ft down (buildings next to villa Milano)
  - If we do not believe that windows are going to be installed in 2024 then we will take matters into our own hands
  - Changing windows probably will not change the framing.
- **Fountain in Plandome Park**
  - Women's club is planning a children's event in April
  - Councilwoman Dalimonte is big supporter of this project and has promised the council that she will not allow this project to be ignored.
  - Adhami will follow up on the implementation.
- **Flashing Yield Sign on Park Ave and Plandome Road.** Flashing lights around yield to pedestrian signs
  - Speaking with **Vysheck**, the traffic engineer who does not want yield sign constantly flashing.
- **Additional Plandome Road Issue**
  - Old Gino's location, new ramen place has a huge lit sign. They lit it for a week and then shut it off, but now it is back. The issues are both the size and brightness of sign.
  - Sign itself is too large - there is a code that they must adhere to – but they are ignoring the code.
  - There is a strict town code and other businesses had to change the size of their signs to remain in compliance.
- **Sewer Project**

- Phase 1 - which was the installation of the main sewer pipe - has been completed. Very smooth project and ahead of schedule
- Main sewer from north to south is almost completely done (needs to finalize the hook up north and south under the bridge). Got a break with the railroad as they were able to do infrastructure under the bridge to hook up the pipes to link the north with the south. Everything on south side is in place, and wells are being installed on the north side.
- Last night they were supposed to install manhole covers in front of Carvel, as the town had to provide the open road permit.
- Everybody wants sewer project finished, but the biggest challenge will be hooking up the individual businesses to the sewer main. Town is not responsible for this part of the project, despite having financial resources.
- Stores and businesses are required to contract individually to connect with the sewer. However, they are waiting to better understand the costs of connecting. They want to have a meeting with the town and their subcommittee to negotiate the issues, as they want to know if there will be incentives/ cost breaks for connecting to the main sewer line. The businesses are going to be taxed annually.
- It is expected that connections to the buildings may disrupt town to some degree. Hopefully targeting be completed around end of the year.
- Sidewalks will eventually get done, but it is anticipated that the sidewalk will be disrupted for some time.
- **Bayview** - Manage Playground across from town Hall
  - Work was done to improve the playgrounds.
  - 50 to 75 people were utilizing on first nice day so it is clear that playground is being used.
- **BMW**
  - Had another meeting with town approval inspectors this week and the work is about to start.
- **North Strathmore** - Onderdonk
  - The new resident in the Onderdonk house has moved in.
- **Shorehaven**
  - There is a metal fence 3 ft off the ground down into the gulley which is very dangerous (orange plastic fence was installed). Kids play there frequently, and it is not safe. Water flows rapidly into the bay.
  - Want to extend the fence along the waterfront to the edge of Shoreview road
  - They want to do a site visit to look at the road and take pictures.
- **South Strathmore**
  - South and North Strathmore have same street signs and want to put in a request to paint the brown poles on all the signs.
  - Village potentially could provide the paint for this work.
- **Strathmore Villages**
  - Lights going out continuously in Strathmore village.
  - People are cutting down town trees in this area without a permit. Is there a penalty for homeowner or contractor. Need to further investigate how widespread this permit problem is in actuality.
- **Terrence Manor**
  - Previously noted Macy's Car show problem and issue with St. Mary's parents continue to occur.
  - Brinkerhoff is a nightmare at pickup time, and we have been in touch with NCPD 6<sup>th</sup> precinct to discuss solutions.
- Flashing sign that says, "No turn on Red" (like the one near Equinox) needs to be installed at Northern Blvd and Plandome Road. There is a sign there currently, but we want a better one.
- **Manhasset Park District**
  - Now that they have kicked out many out-of-town commuters from Manhasset Park District parking lots, the commuters are finding other illegal parking spots. Noreen's used to be illegal parking spot.

- Problem is lack of enforcement.
- **Earth Day**
  - April 22<sup>nd</sup> with focus to clean up Plandome Road and beautify the area. Hanging basket sponsorship can be found on Chamber of Commerce website. Can also go online and make a contribution.
  - Many events coming up for the Chamber of Commerce (Al Fresco, etc.). But many of these events close Plandome road and cause chaos for Norgate. Better coordination is needed between chamber and Norgate.
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- **Abandoned building** - the lawyer's office (between Dennis and Northern Boulevard) which was destroyed in a fire is still standing – a dangerous eyesore.
- **Bar Beach**- there is renewed interest in beautifying Bar Beach, which is a town park for all town residents.
- **61 Locust**
  - The shuttered Auto body auto collision shop is being rented on a month-to-month basis to park cars
  - Must go to a public hearing at 10 am on April 9<sup>th</sup>, and when it is sold it goes back on the tax rolls which will benefit the Park District.
- We will be lighting up the town for St. Patrick's Day !
- **Building Department** – significant change is clearly necessary in the building department, and fortunately some changes will be announced soon
  - Every employee has a union title.
  - Will be doing things to make it easier for residents and professional to get info to communicate with department.
- **Former Bed Bath and Beyond** location – a lease was signed with high end furniture retailer “Theodore Alexander.”

Motion at 8:39 pm All in favor of Greater Council sponsoring 2 of hanging baskets for Chamber of Commerce

Meeting adjourned at 8:58 pm.

Respectfully submitted by:  
Ava Neylon, Recording Secretary