

Juniper Hill Civic Association

COMMITTEE: Juniper Hill Civic Association Meeting

DATE: 3/30/2015

Present: Sue Mirialakis, President; Alphonso Peter Leonce, Vice President; Seth Segall, Corresponding Secretary; Arthur Chisholm, Treasurer; Sheryl Breuninger, Co-Recording Secretary ; Illayne Parker, Member at Large and 19 Civic Association Members/Residents .

Meeting called to order by Sue Mirialakis, President at 7:14 PM.

| ISSUE/FINDING | DISCUSSION/RECOMMENDATION | ACTION/FOLLOW UP |
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| Minutes of meeting read from last meeting. | Sheryl Breuninger, Co-Recording Secretary read minutes. | Napoleon Mitchell motioned to approve and Illayne Parker seconded minutes. |
| Treasurer Report | <p>Arthur Chisholm reported there was \$497 from the last meeting and since that time \$60.00 were used for refreshments , stationary supplies, and gifts/cards such as get well and sympathy.</p> <p>Arthur gave a balance of \$442 as of the year end 2014.</p> <p>Arthur gave a brief account of what the \$10/family dues were used for including the aforementioned and for food/supplies for the every 2 year BBQ.</p> | Arthur invited everyone at the meeting to pay their \$ 10 dues tonight or drop them off in his mailbox at 97 Juniper Hill Road. |
| District School Report | <p>Sharon Maxwell updated the happenings of Greenburgh Central 7.</p> <p>She reported that the teachers remain dedicated and passionate.</p> <p>She reviewed the accomplishments of various students such as the Spelling Bee, the band playing at halftime for the Westchester Knicks, Science Fair and Woodlands HS Class B State finals loss etc., Ace Mentor program (GC7 only district to participate)</p> | |
| | <p>Falcons Nest Booster Club and WMS and WHS will be holding their 5th Annual Greenburgh Taste Off event on Sat., 4/25/2015 from 12:00- 3 PM in the High School GYM.</p> <p>Annual Budget Vote and School board elections are Tuesday, May 19, 2015.</p> <p>WHS Scholarship Fund and Volunteer Run</p> <p>Sharon discussed how Greenburgh schools are underfunded by NY</p> | Flyer distributed. |

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| | <p>State so the district is asking for residents to help in order to correct the mistake. She described how Greenburgh receives less education aid than it is entitled to due to the inclusion of wealthier properties from an adjacent school district in the calculation of its wealth index. This has detrimental impact upon the vision developed by the Board of Education to replace its outdated school buildings with state of the art facilities.</p> | <p>Everyone encouraged to vote. Suggestions made on how to pick a candidate.</p> <p>Sharon asked residents to consider contributing to help students and flyer distributed.</p> <p>Community can help by visiting the advocacy page and to write to the Governor/legislators urging them to correct this mistake. The advocacy page is :http://greenburghcsd.org/pages/greenburghcsd/District/Advocacy</p> |
| Member News | <p>Sad News: Sue reported on the passing of Carmen Grey's mother, Penny Vale and Gerald Walsh.</p> <p>Happy News: Dr. Hooker turned 100 years old. She is described as an illustrious resident of Juniper Hill/Greenburgh. Town had a special ceremony for her.</p> | <p>Condolences given.</p> |
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| <p>Derelict House on 5 Teramar Place</p> | <p>Seth followed up with Town and expressed to them that the home was dangerous, the roof was worse. He has not heard anything since December.</p> <p>Building Dept. is prepped to demolish the property and the owners were going to well.</p> <p>Town is not stalling but no updates or resolution</p> | <p>Seth will continue to follow-up with Town</p> |
| <p>Repaving of Greenville Circle and Southwood</p> | <p>Reported that one side of Greenville was dug up and metal sheets were placed there.</p> | <p>Residents were encouraged by the progress</p> |
| <p>Fire Department News</p> | <p>Claire Pizzuti elected. Claire is a contributing member. Seth and Sue went to the meeting and were impressed with changes.</p> | |
| | <p>New Fire Chief Reece is working on a website; he was invited to come to introduce himself at JHCA but could not attend.</p> | |
| <p>Reassessment of Property</p> | <p>Many reassessments were done by the Tyler company already.</p> <p>Sue asked if the process was going smoothly for residents. She added that the reassessment should be equitable for commercial and residential.</p> | |
| | <p>Some residents expressed the reassessment company was asking inappropriate questions such as "How old is your cabinets" and that these should not be counted in appraisal only property size and square footage.</p> | <p>Sue validated his complaints and thought these were good questions and suggested that residents check with the town</p> |

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| Meeting with Police Chief McNerney | Concerned/ knowledge of community needs | Noted he has positive impact on the community |
| | Police to wear body cameras are in the budget | |
| | Discussion regarding fair treatment impressed Sue as he discussed events in news re: Ferguson | |
| | He has been in the Greenburgh District since 1995 and a resident if Ardsley. | |
| Urban League re: Ferguson solution | Illayne and niece asked to moderate and chair meeting with police chiefs around the country. Impressed by some of the programs established to work with the community to manage issues. Ways to work with the mentally challenged etc. | |
| | Chief McNerney was there | |
| Fines/Safety/Tickets | Residents discussed how pleading guilty to non-moving violations for speeding vs moving and paying a higher fine undermines safety | Napoleon to discuss with Police Chief McNerney |
| Police Advisory Board report from Napoleon | Reported police chief is doing excellent work | |
| | Current slate nominated Seconded and show of hands | No opposition votes Current Officers remains as above |
| Traffic Issues | Arthur reported an oversize truck on Juniper Hill Road that took down a power line. | Sue already called Chief McNerney concerning this problem |
| | Noted that Juniper Hill Road is used as a cut through to Central Ave. | |
| | Napoleon concerned about large commercial vehicles on Greenvale Circle and called Richard Fon. He asked for a sign but does not feel this may be adequate. | Sue to add to her agenda to Rich Fon |

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| Nominations for Civic Association Offices | Sue reported that elections are every 2 years. Floor opened up to nominations. | |
| | | Current slate nominated |
| Pot Holes | Discussed that now is the time if repairs are needed Fair Street cited and on the list for repairs Midway Road was highlighted as in need of repair It was reported that Gibson St was done today Saratoga and Juniper Hill rain washes residue down drains to home on Juniper Hill Residents questioned when street cleaning will be done | Sue will follow-up with DPW |
| Over hanging branches on Juniper Hill Road | Con Ed only cuts part near a power line Landscaper will not cut Suggested that the town needs to cut branches. | Sue to "march in" and "resolve". |
| Scams | Various telephone scams, i.e. IRS, Con Ed imposter coming to door and Water Insurance Scam | Sue called water department to clarify |
| Alfreda Williams, Legislator reported | County Board of Legislatures Meeting on August 9, 2015 at 6:30 PM at White Plains Library, Families to talk about issues of Day Care, citizens, encouraged to bring issues to improve life | Flyer distributed |
| Meeting adjourned at 9:20 PM | DPW to put up a sign to commemorate Dr. Hooker | |

