



Council of Greater Manhasset Civic Associations, Inc.

(Greater Council)

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Plandome

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Plandome Manor

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Chamber of Commerce

Coalition Against Substance Abuse

Coalition for Safer Manhasset

Manhasset Park District

Manhasset Preservation Society

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MINUTES OF MEETING

February 7th, 2024

The following persons were in attendance:

Members Present:

Andrew Schwenk, Greater Council (South Strathmore CA)

Rosemary Mascali, Plandome Heights CA

Donald O'Brien, Manhasset Park CA

James Pelzer, Norgate CA

Marc Francis, Terrace-Manor CA

Alexandra Schumer, TMCA

Jeanne Ceriello, Munsey Park

Carrie Klimerman, South Strathmore CA

Henry Wyszomierski, Shorehaven Civic

Jennifer Gulbenkian, North Strathmore

Guests Present:

Ava Neylon, Recording Secretary

Nina Francis, Manhasset High School

Michael Donnelly, Aide – Town of North Hempstead

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

Open Item Issues

- 1) Necessary maintenance of TNH buildings on Plandome Road. Specifically, 210 Plandome Road and 200 Plandome Road, which currently house the Building Department offices.
 - a) Councilwoman Lurvey started this project by painting the 176 Plandome Road building and the lower section of the other buildings, but we now need this project completed.
 - i. Ugliest buildings were the Town of North Hempstead buildings (210 and 200 Plandome road)
 - 1) Lurvey had the lower 10 ft section painted years ago but was held up because the windows were not replaced.
 - 2) This project is to be done in the springtime.
- 2) Necessary coordination between TNH and LIRR on timing of the Webster Avenue Bridge replacement project and the sewer connection projects to minimize traffic disruption.
 - a) The chamber is starting to form a committee to discuss the connections for the sewers.
 - b) Supervisor has been talking about doing something around the sidewalks but work on this will be a major disruption.
 - c) GC wanted to make sure the coordination is clear, so that there is no miscommunication.

- 3) Installation of the fountain in Plandome Park
 - a) Councilwoman Dalimonte has been an advocate for this project for many years now.
 - b) There has been funding for the fountain, and electricity has already been installed, but the fountain has yet to be installed.
 - c) GC wants to make sure the installation doesn't fall through the cracks.

- 4) Removal of downed trees in Plandome Pond Park
 - a) Tree came down during a storm about a month ago and it is still down in the pond now.
 - b) Tree is about parallel to the tracks.

- 5) Installation of flashing Pedestrian Crossing sign at the LIRR intersection walkway on Park Avenue, just east of Plandome Road.
 - a) We have been discussing this specific spot now for well over a year, and many of us feel that because of the darkness at this intersection, the only thing that will truly protect pedestrian traffic will be the sign (blinking lights around the edges). It has been tested in other areas throughout the town with positive results.
 - b) Traveling east on Park Ave (about 100 yards past Four Five), there is a walkway from LIRR (where the homes start). Heading west on Park there is a stop sign, and heading east on Park Ave there is a yield for pedestrian sign.
 - c) There is a pedestrian yield sign when you are traveling east (Plandome Rd to Park) we would like that to be one of the new flashing signs with the bulbs around it.
 - d) Want town feedback for the best way to install this sign (time of flashing, motion detection, etc). Sue thinks it should be sensor detected.
 - e) Councilwoman Dalimonte has placed flashing sign in Port Washington, near the Port Washington Yacht Club. It was installed last summer, and it has been very well-received from the community.
 - f) One flashing Stop sign by Manorhaven pool has been there for years.
 - g) Town engineering department was originally involved.

Civic Report Roundtable

NORTH SHORE UNIVERSITY HOSPITAL SURGICAL PAVILION

- North Shore University Hospital offered a tour before it officially opened on the 10th of February.
- 18 operating rooms, impressive high-tech capabilities.
- ICU rooms are huge, fully automated, and beautiful,
- Can have two beds in each ICU to create another room.
- Our population is growing and there is significant need for these facilities.
- Cost \$560 million to build and equip the pavilion.

MONDAY NIGHT MEETING @ Fire house

- Heard from the Commissioner that overall crime is clearly going down in Nassau County.
- However, crime is very focused and concentrated in our area (there are 2 criminal groups operating in Manhasset)
- Most crime perpetrators are coming out of Newark, NJ. They only recruit 17-year-olds so they can be tried as minors.
- Most crimes committed by people not born in the US.
- 4 different people called the 6th precinct to figure out what happened when the person recently was killed on Plandome road.
- Attempting to strengthen the line of communication with the residents, and 150-200 people attended this meeting.

SHORE HAVEN

- Down along Bayview Ave to the water, there is a long stretch of shoreline with fences.

- Fences are constantly knocked down by fishermen. We want to put down a no parking sign here to prevent loitering and destruction of property.
- To prevent crime. We recommend all residents to get a Faraday Pouch to store car keys in so that criminals cannot get the signal from your key fob.
- People are breaking into homes to look for the car key, first place they go is kitchen to find the keys.

TERRENCE MANOR

- During the recent home invasion surge, somebody was coming around Terrence Manor ringing doorbells and saying he was doing a survey on the parking restrictions. He wanted to know “when are you home, when are you not home”.
- Police were informed and they detained him for questioning, and later filed charges against the individual doing the survey.
- Apparently, two people on Center Drive had gone to the TONH office and complained that they wanted the signs removed so that they can park wherever they wanted.
- Turns out the survey person was hired by the town of North Hempstead.
- Marc Francis spoke to Jen DeSena asked what was going on. She was very apologetic and said that those people were not from her office.
- Who on the town board commissioned this study?
- Have a couple of raggedy houses and some of the renters are questionable. This adds to the paranoia and the likelihood that somebody will come into the neighborhood and create problems.
- Norgate has the same parking issue (no parking for part of the day). Our contention is that:
 - o We cannot have individual residents or outsiders unilaterally attempting to change the parking for our neighborhoods.
 - o Anyone with suggestions should immediately speak to the civic associations, as we do not want patchwork attempts at change.
- One resident with car has been very loud recently and he is an unpleasant neighbor.

NORTH STRATHMORE

- Had caretaker attendant upstairs but she has moved out early.
- Freshening up apartment for new tenant and have a prospective caretaker in mind. However, we are still interested in any backup options.
- Caretaker duties are fairly light, Pay is \$3,000 dollars a month.
- No pets, no smoking.

PLANDOME HEIGHTS

- We recently lost one of our trustees Gus Panopoulos, who had a bladder infection and a sudden heart attack at age 53

MUNSEY PARK

- License plate readers are being installed at the entrances.
- Criminal groups come in around dusk to scout and target homes for the later crimes. While most come in driving stolen vehicles, the plate readers will still give police valuable information.
- Police department is handling everything. They will not put up signs notifying people that their license plates are being taken.
- Some residents have asked for rent-a-cop (not armed and have no law enforcement capability) but it is very expensive.
- Have not had tax increase in Munsey Park in 4 years. Last tax increase was \$12 per house and residents were not happy.
- Bed Bath and Beyond location has been rented. New tenant is meeting with Munsey Park next week, so no information is available yet.
- Wants to change Munsey Park speed limit to 25 miles per hour.
 - o But they had to have a traffic study.
 - o Traffic study did not show that it was necessary.
 - o However, they are planning on doing it anyway.
- Munsey Park is happy with the police response.

NORGATE

- We cannot get traffic enforcement and parking enforcement from the police.
- Believe it would be beneficial if the town had parking enforcement people.
- We need to get violators ticketed.
- Should consider inviting the police officers to the March meeting.
- School is considering putting license plate readers at secondary school

MANHASSET MASCOT UPDATE

- Naming committee survey will be going out to the secondary school students.
- They will be given top options: Eagles, Hawks, Mavericks, Mustangs, Ospreys, Tigers, and just Manhasset (no name)
- This is a survey - not a binding vote - for the high school students to provide their feedback.
- Survey results will be sent to Board of Education for consideration.
- All BOE members and school employees will then have a vote.
- All historical artifacts about Indians will remain.

NO UPDATE FROM

- Adam Mann, The dance studio (old CitiBank location), Lord and Taylor, Schmitty's. (maybe update from BZA).

Meeting adjourned at 9:19 pm.

Respectfully submitted by:
Ava Neylon, Recording Secretary