



Council of Greater Manhasset Civic Associations, Inc.

(Greater Council)

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Manhasset Park District

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MINUTES OF MEETING

April 10th, 2024

A regular meeting of the Council of Greater Manhasset Civic Associations, Inc. (GC) was held at 7:30 pm on April 10th, 2024, at the Town Hall Attorney's Room with Andrew Schwenk serving as Chair and Ava Neylon serving as Recording Secretary.

Open Item Issues

- Greater Council appreciates what Michael Donnelly is doing for the community. He is working very hard and making significant progress.
- Kikko Ramen is not open yet, but the lights are often on. These lights seem very bright, but code enforcement says that the illumination is within code.
- **Manhasset Park District**
 - Passed and approved the conditional sale of 51 Locust. There has been no push back from community and the Park District is finalizing the sale.
 - Adam Mann is involved in this project, and we will meet with him to go over what is being done with the property. Two businesses are coming into this property, but we are focusing on the larger location first.
- **Rosemary Mascali and Manhasset Plandome Road Vision Project**
 - We have been talking about redoing sidewalks after the sewers are completed.
 - Rosemary showed visuals and shared a packet which included information about safety, public space, utilization of medians, landscaping, design toolbox charts and civic impact. There is additional information on the website.
 - By narrowing the street, the design is intended to slow traffic down. Will it create double-parking issues?
 - We should call other villages that have made similar changes to inquire about possible maintenance and other issues they've experienced.
 - We are more than just Manhasset, we are the Town of North Hempstead. This is a very complicated issue that will need to be coordinated carefully and with much further consideration. .
 - The sewers must be completely finished before we are able to focus on this new project.
- **Chamber of Commerce**
 - The chamber is at a point where it must initiate discussions on town beautification. The Chamber should be communicating closely with the TONH on the sewer project.
 - On April 27 they are cleaning up Plandome Road with the TONH, with an 11am start time.

- Town is providing the gloves, garbage bags and t shirts.
 - June 23rd – first al fresco event. A Taylor Swift impersonator will be present.
 - 7/28, 8/10, 9/15 are the future al fresco dates
 - June 18th at 5pm will be the chamber cocktail event at the Science Museum.
 - Manhasset Rotary will be sponsoring the Gift of Life, with an 10 year old boy from Uganda joining us.
- **Sewers**
 - Sewers are moving forward. The town is going to make some announcements shortly about working with the Great Neck Water Pollution Control District (GNWPC).
 - Priority one is to connect sewers this calendar year. The exact protocol to connect the sewers has not yet been finalized. Should meet with the GNWPC district about connection from center line to individual stores.
 - Will be working in conjunction with each business (88 of them) to connect to the main sewer line. One company will likely hook them up to the main pipe, but each store will have to hire a plumber and engineer.
 - Another committee should be formed, in addition to the sewer committee, to handle related issues. Safety and continuity are big issues for which we are attempting to solve. Developing a 'wish list' is a good idea.
 - Sewers will be connected and then sidewalks will need to be repaired.
- **Mike Donnelly**
 - Spoke to our Admin office to discuss painting the buildings across Plandome Road (now is the time to do it).
 - Windows are a bigger project for them as Greater Council says they do not care for the windows.
 - Councilman is talking to Nick Katsano at the LIRR
 - No current update
 - 9/11 Memorial at Manhasset Valley Park
 - Potentially expanding the parking lot at Manhasset Valley Park. Is TONH still renting out the parking lots during the day to Equinox and generating revenue?
 - Donnelly will inquire and follow up.
 - Talking to code enforcement about road by Maple to make it safer for pedestrians.
 - Hope to have prepared presentation on all of the upcoming projects.
 - Fountain at the park will not be completed by the 13th. PSEG is waiting for contractor to build the fountain itself.
 - Have a contractor and hope to be done by the end of spring. Pushing to be completed sooner, because otherwise it will be a mess.
 - Talked to Veeshak Thomas regarding Yield Sign on Park Avenue and Nassau. That side of the road is County.
 - Stop sign gives pedestrians a false sense of security, because it is only in one direction.
 - Came up with idea of flashing Stop sign with motion detection.
 - Would only need for eastbound traffic and it faces businesses rather than homes.
 - Port Washington has installed one on Plandome Road as a test.
 - Talked to code enforcement to get people to monitor traffic near St Mary's and enforce the rules.
 - Suggest one person at West and Ridge and one at St Mary's
 - Monitoring speeding and Sunday morning car activity at Macy's.
 - Retaining wall is a bigger issue than the Macy's issue.
 - Increase in car robberies from the motel across from Macy's.
 - Trying to open parking on the weekends in Manhasset Park District (\$15 parking for non-residents)
 - Road repaving list
 - Only have confirmation of Hillcrest Avenue.
 - Checking other roads to make sure that there are no utility conflicts.
 - Have gotten requests about attending BZA meetings. Thinks it would be more useful to reach out.
- **Andrew Schwenk**
 - We bought 2 baskets.
 - American Legion is collecting money for flags, which each cost \$33. We must also replace 8 brackets.
- **Treasurers Report**
 - \$3,001 in checking account
 - \$5,103 in CD. We are getting 5 percent on our CD
- Motion to sponsor American legion flag donation thing was passed.
- We would like to do something with the flagpole at the old Lord and Taylor: a nice white pole with flags.

- Look for things that benefit the entire town.
- Old Infiniti dealership was sold to Honda, so we will now have Honda on both sides of Northern Blvd.
- BMW project is moving along well.
 - Only 1 issue with the construction hours so far, and we are still in communication with John.
- CASA has Narcan training on May 2nd at 7:30 at the district office.
- Shed the Meds Saturday 8am to 12noon

Meeting adjourned at 9:07 pm.

Respectfully submitted by:
Ava Neylon, Recording Secretary