

Minutes of January Membership Meeting

Greenlawn Civic Association

Date: January 3, 2017

Location: Harborfields Public Library

Meeting was called to order at 7p.m.

Officer Reports: No reports.

Committee Reports:

- A. Beautification – Jeanne reported on behalf of Margaret. Thanks to Donald Matthews for removing the wreaths and storing them in the shed. The town is very grateful. Thanks to Mark Kennedy and Brian Hackett for acquiring wood to make new planters. If anyone would like to help make these during the winter, please contact Margaret or Mark. Research is needed to determine how to adhere flags to the sidewalks (like other towns do) rather than in the green planters.
- B. Fundraising/Events – Rachael reported that the committee is planning another Ladies Night, hopefully occurring in February. They plan to design and sell short-sleeved GCA shirts in the spring as a follow-up to the long-sleeved shirt fundraiser in the fall.
- C. Membership – Susan reminded everyone to renew memberships on the website. \$20/year.
- D. Preservation – Jane reported that the unofficial word is an agreement on Pickle Park has been negotiated between the Harborfields School District and the Town of Huntington. More information to follow! Darryl expressed gratitude for the tremendous amount of work put into this effort over the last three years, particularly by Jane Irving and Kevin Smith.
- E. Traffic and Safety – Rob reported that community members continue to ask for crosswalk signs in the center of the road and solar-powered “your speed” signs. He suggested an online petition be created to organize interest and encourage Suffolk County to reconsider these ideas. SC has indicated that the mid-road crosswalk signs have to be moved for plowing and are easily damaged. While police enforcement would help with speeding, running through stop signs, ignoring crosswalks, etc. there are not enough officers to go around. There is a pending traffic study on the 5-way intersection at Smith St and Greenlawn Road. 2nd precinct meetings are open to the public but the evening ones now conflict with GCA meetings.
- F. Outreach – Jenny and Natalie have stepped down as Outreach chairs since they are now in Executive Board positions. Aaron and Jessica Rathbun will be taking over and Jessica presented the goals/objectives for the committee which include: developing a Greenlawn Unity Day, organizing a basketball tournament with Greenlawn youth and area police and fire department, and creating military care packages. They would also like to explore a program to encourage youth to shovel driveways for the community’s elderly and disabled, as well as an art wall (perhaps by the train station?).

New Business: Darryl thanked those who attended last month’s community forum focused on bias/intolerance in the community. He has spoken with Dr. Francesco Ianni, the new Harborfields superintendent, and he looks forward to working collaboratively with the school district. Darryl plans to work with GCA member Janie Pashman on scheduling a follow-up community meeting in February. Our next general GCA meeting is February 7 @ 7pm in the community meeting room of the HF library.

Community Participation:

- A. Walter R. continues to work on acquiring grant money from NYS to enhance the community with additional antique lights. Because of recent changes in the rules, we have not been eligible for the money in the last few years because we have needed to show that we already raised an equal amount of money. Walter is in contact with Senator Marcellino’s office, who is working with the TOH to give us \$50k so we are eligible for an additional \$50k from NYS. Walter requested that the GCA form an additional Grants Committee. The Executive Board will meet to discuss this; it may be appropriate to include grant writing in the Fundraising/Events Committee. There also needs to be consensus on what the grant money will be used for and the GCA is open to feedback from the community.
- B. Marge A. asked about additional signage at the crosswalk in the front of the library on Broadway and at the crosswalk immediately north of the train tracks on Broadway. She suggested that a light or stop sign in front of the library would be more effective. Marge also wanted to know what work was being done

regarding the drug problem and suggested trying to work collaboratively with Assemblymen Lupinacci and Raia. Darryl agreed that more money and effort need to be directed at prevention and gave a brief update on the summit he has organized for the past three years, which involves eight local school districts. The next organization meeting for the summit has yet to be scheduled, but will likely be in late January.

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