

Minutes of March Meeting Greenlawn Civic Association

Date: March 7, 2017, 7pm

Location: Harborfields Public Library

Officer Reports:

President – will address the membership at the close of the meeting

Vice President – reminded everyone of 2nd Precinct event, Coffee with a Cop on March 24th from 8am-11am @ Urban Coffee

Secretary – GCA received an inquiry/idea about providing dog waste bags around the library and Pickle Park. Jenny reached out to Carol Albano from the library with a few options and Ms. Albano said she would speak to the library's board about the feasibility of installing and maintaining them.

Treasurer – balance sheets are available

Member-at-Large – many sign up sheets and opportunities to become involved this spring

New Business:

Canvas Bag Fundraiser – Tracy Goettinger and Roxanne Forman addressed the membership about a joint endeavor with the Girl Scouts/Brownies and GCA. They are actively working on a fundraiser and want to create reusable canvas bags with GCA logo. Bags could be promoted at Earth Day and can raise environmental awareness. Brownie girls can distribute on Earth Day; plan to do the pre-sale ahead of time and could also be at local retailers to sell additional bags. Girl Scouts are not actually allowed to fundraise at the Brownie-level; would need a GCA rep with them at the sale spots.

Farmers Market – Jenny Post presented the latest update on the steps being taken to bring a farmers market to Greenlawn. Jen Rogdakis and Jenny have been in touch with Melissa of “Sweet Melissa 1932 Farm to Table Management.” She currently manages the successful farmers markets in Port Jefferson, Bayshore, and Sayville. In exchange for securing space for a weekly market and helping promote the market, GCA will receive a \$200/month donation from June-September. Farmers market will be held Sundays from 9am-2pm and occupy approximately 20 parking spots in the Value Drugs parking lot, pending approval from the landlord. Could be a good opportunity to promote GCA membership and fundraise.

Committee Reports:

- A. Membership - Having problems with PayPal and website in processing some renewals and membership – it's being worked on! Thank you to Margaret for pushing on social media and drumming up 60 memberships.
- B. Beautification - As weather gets warmer, Margaret will be pulling out kale and she is donating pansies. Mark is recovering from an accident and the committee will really need extra help in watering and caring for planters. Plan to make a rotating calendar of watering (depending on weather, it's usually three times a week). Town waters the hanging baskets; we need to water the ground ones; takes about 60-90 minutes.
- C. Earth Day - Next Earth Day planning meeting is Tuesday, March 28th. Sign-up sheets are available and there are lots of jobs; need adults to help run kids' activities and

volunteer groups. There are jobs to clean up, lay down mulch, help with activities, etc. Event is Sunday, April 23rd, rain date April 30th 1pm-4pm.

- D. Outreach – Major focus right now is on Unity Day, which is Saturday, October 14th @ Coral Park. Met yesterday and Don McKay (supervisor of TOH Parks and Rec) attended. Issue of transportation? Having shuttle buses to go to and from the park; perhaps close the baseball fields that day to free up the parking lot. Hammering out details of music and events. Day starts with a walk from Memorial Park down to Coral Park. Similar to a mini fall festival; restaurants will be invited to participate; activities for kids, etc. Looking for sponsorships from local businesses. Event budget not to exceed \$1000, but the intention is to raise money with the event. Additional sponsorship idea to have businesses pay for a spot on the event tee shirt. Connected with bishop at Joshua Baptist Church and she would be happy to host a GCA meeting there. Biweekly committee meetings are posted on FB and the GCA website. Reminder also there is an open house at the Mosque on Broadway on April 8th. Thanks to those who came to card-making event!
- E. Preservation - Pickle Park on TOH agenda on March 14th
- F. Social Media and Website - Credit card issue is being worked on
- G. Traffic and Safety - Yield to pedestrian and crosswalk signs in Broadway business district and Taylor Avenue are being looked into. Doc Spencer is acting as the hub between the TOH and County. Asking FD for removal of signs during winter storms. Requested mobile radar signs to be placed as a deterrent while cost of permanent ones is looked into

Community Participation:

Jane I – With all the questions surrounding water safety and presence of 1,4-dioxane in Long Island water, should we invite Suffolk County water district to come do a presentation? Jane spoke to Greenlawn Water District – average level is 0.36; GWD is looking for support from Board of Health and EPA for guidelines because there are none. Water quality report will come out May 31st but it's always a year behind. GWD has been testing since 2013.

Community member was emailing with Bob Santoriello, superintendent at GWD and looking for clarification. Not everyone in the area has GWD so it's important to hear from a broader entity. Kevin suggested getting an additional presenter, maybe someone not from the County but rather science/environmental rep.

Chase Bank collecting cell phones for people in the armed forces.

In closing, Darryl St. George addressed the membership to announce that this would be his final meeting as GCA president. He is stepping down to run for Huntington Town Supervisor. Dick Holmes will take over as president, Natalie Mason will move from member-at-large to vice president, and Jane Irving will serve as member-at-large. Darryl spoke of how much the GCA and community mean to him and we wish him the best of luck!