

Cool Spring/Tilton Neighborhood Association

Meeting Minutes

September 11, 2012; 7:15 p.m.

Regency Healthcare & Rehabilitation Center

Attendees: See attached list.

**1. Welcome**

Meeting chair Heather Hook (President – CS/TNA) welcomed CS/TNA meeting attendees and asked attendees to sign the attendance sheet. She noted that this is the first meeting of the 2012/2013 year.

**2. Meeting Minutes**

Minutes of the June 12, 2012 CS/TNA meeting were posted on the CS/TNA website and at the Regency Healthcare & Rehabilitation Center meeting room entry for all residents to read prior to the September 11<sup>th</sup> meeting. H. Hook asked if any corrections to the minutes were recommended. Since no changes were suggested, H. Hook asked for a motion to accept the minutes. David Schelat made a motion to accept the June 12, 2012 CS/TNA meeting minutes and Nina David seconded the motion.

Motion passed by majority of attendees.

**3. Public Safety**

Cpl. Michael Rinehart reported the following public safety issues:

- Several burglaries and drug deals have occurred on Van Buren and North Broom Streets and Kirk Avenue recently. Residents are advised to keep window blinds closed to hide televisions, Play stations, and Wiis from robbers who are mainly interested in these items.
- ASPCA has signed a contract for another year to pick up errant dogs.
- The number of pit bulls has increased in Cool Spring Park. If pit bulls run loose in a park, the owners can be fined on 7 charges.
- In Tilton Park, the Port-a-Potty has been removed since drug paraphernalia was found inside. Also, bushes will be cut to allow a better view of the park by police.

Several attendees expressed concerns regarding public safety:

- Sandy Dolan noted that 707 North Van Buren Street has drug activity and needs to be watched by police.

- Mitchell Glass noted the increase in wrong-way traffic on North Broom Street, especially between 9<sup>th</sup> and 10<sup>th</sup> Streets, with the opening of Padua School. Pedestrians must look both ways.

#### **4. Regency Healthcare & Rehabilitation Center**

Bob Reed, Administrator of the Regency Healthcare & Rehabilitation Center, updated attendees on the renovation and improvements in the building. The entire building is in the process of renovation with complete renovation of the main floor and offices as well as resident floors. Security has been significantly upgraded with no one allowed into the building unless approved for entry. In addition, as a sub-acute setting, the facilities have been upgraded with advanced rehabilitation, wound treatment, and tracheotomy care facilities.

Reed expressed the desire for the Regency Healthcare & Rehabilitation Center to be an active and engaged neighbor in the Cool Spring/Tilton neighborhood and noted that the Regency Healthcare & Rehabilitation Center would like to become a member of CS/TNA.

In turn, H. Hook asked how the neighborhood could engage the Regency Healthcare & Rehabilitation Center. Reed suggested that volunteers from the area are very welcome in the Regency Healthcare & Rehabilitation Center.

#### **5. Announcements**

H. Hook noted the activities of several subcommittees and asked for residents to sign up on the sign-up sheets in the back of the room:

- Events/Communications Committee. Chairman, Alfred Lance, asked for members to help organize events.
- Housing Committee. A chairperson is needed since Krista Holub, the previous chairperson, has left the neighborhood. If residents want a Housing Committee to interface with Licensing and Inspections Department, particularly regarding code violations, please sign up.
- Neighborhood Safety Committee. A committee is needed to schedule “hosts” for neighborhood safety walks. These are informal walks around the neighborhood to look for public safety items. For example, the August walk identified the need for Padua School to lock the Padua Convent gates and for Lewis School to replace burnt out lights in the parking garage and empty overflowing garbage containers. H. Hook has notified these schools.

Committees will begin reports on activities again in October, 2012 unless requested.

H. Hook suggested a new committee of a Wine and Pot Luck Book Club. Please sign up if interested.

#### **6. West Side Revitalization Plan**

Christian Willhauer of Cornerstone West updated attendees on the West Side Revitalization Plan. She noted that the City Council and Mayor Baker have endorsed the Plan and now the implementation phase is under way with resources being lined up. Several activities are planned:

- Tree pruning. Delmarva Power has traditionally been involved but Delaware Center for Horticulture can also be involved. Bradford Pear trees need to be cut down/trimmed so more light from street lights reach the street for public safety. Also, lower lights may be installed as in Trinity Vicinity.
- Street lights. There is often confusion as to who owns the lights when bulbs need replacing. Mayor's Advocate Office is helpful in this regard.
- Fund Raising Committee is planned.

The Farmers' Market will finish up at the end of September. This past season, the market had consistent sales and again had an excellent base of neighborhood support. C. Willhauer noted that Bright Spot Ventures can answer questions as to marketing at the Farmers' Market.

## **7. Nominations**

Laura Philon and Greg Luna have been in charge of nominations for the CS/TNA. L. Philon reported the following nominations:

President	Heather Hook
Vice-President	Regina Lafferty
Treasurer	Tammie Williams
	Rob Tietze
Secretary	Connie Smith

For the offices of President, Vice-President, and Secretary with only one person nominated, the person nominated will hold office for 2012-2013. For the office of Treasurer, there will be an election at the October, 2012 meeting.

## **8. New Business**

- Denise Thomas announced that Café D'Lish will be opening in early October at 1139 A. West 7<sup>th</sup> Street with contact information: Tel. (302-691-5030); [www.cafedlish.com](http://www.cafedlish.com).
- H. Hook noted that the Fringe Festival will take place from Wednesday, September 26 through Sunday, September 30.
- Rob Tietze raised the idea of creating a theatre, for example with a Shakespearean theatre group, in Tilton Park in the cemented-over fountain area. This would allow engaging families in the Tilton Park area. This idea generated much positive discussion and the attendees felt the idea deserves follow-up.

- H. Hook announced the 2012 Halloween Parade for children and adults in the Cool Spring/Tilton neighborhood. More information to follow in October.
- H. Hook noted that the St. Hedwig Polish Festival will take place September 17-22 at the Riverfront.
- Laura Philon announced the 2<sup>nd</sup> annual Green Fair at Silverside Church which will take place on Saturday, September 15 at the Silverside Church at 2800 Silverside Road. Sustainable agriculture and green products will be available including honey and other food.
- Angela Henry reported on the very successful 9-11 Hero's Walk/Run that occurred on Saturday, September 8, Frawley Stadium.

Angela Henry, in cooperation with the non-profit organization, Travis Manion Foundation ([www.Travismanion.com](http://www.Travismanion.com)), organized the 9-11 Heroes Run on Saturday, September 8 at Frawley Stadium. There were 120 participants. The run honored all the fallen heroes of September 11<sup>th</sup> – veterans, first-responders, and civilian heroes. In the 9-11 Heroes Run initiative, everyone involved was a volunteer. The event raised \$5,000.00 which went to the non-profit organization, Home of the Brave, which honors and aids homeless veterans. Shoprite® Supermarkets supported the race by donating fruit, water, and 5-hour energy drinks which were distributed to participants. A. Henry presented H. Hook with a back-pack filled with mementoes of the event.

For the 9/11 Heroes Run, further information is available at the website: [www.911HeroesRun.com](http://www.911HeroesRun.com)

## **9. Meeting adjournment**

H. Hook asked for a motion to adjourn the meeting. Kevin Melloy made a motion to adjourn the meeting and Joe Grey seconded the motion.

Motion passed by a majority of the attendees. Meeting adjourned at 8:55 p.m.

Minutes submitted by Constance Smith, Secretary.

## Attendees

Nina David

Jim Dolan

Sandy Dolan

Barbara Dunn

Dennis Gallagher

Joe Grey

Angela Henry

Heather Hook

Dayan Knox

Kevin Melloy

Laura Philon

Bethany Roberts

David Schelat

Connie Smith

Denise Thomas

Julie Vernot

Eric Zumsteg

Liza Zumsteg

Cornerstone West

Christian Willhauer

Regency Healthcare & Rehabilitation Center

Bob Reed

Wilmington Police Department

Cpl. Michael Rinehart