

MEETING MINUTES ASHBOURNE HILLS CIVIC ASSOCIATION SPRING 2019 MEETING

APRIL 4, 2019 AT THE CLAYMONT LIBRARY

Start 7pm

39 People in attendance... standing room only

1. Call to order
 - a. Thank you and welcome - Melody
 - b. Introduction of guest speakers - Kris
2. Treasurer's Report - Kris (Nancy not able to attend)
 - a. Balance- \$25k+
 - b. 48% Dues collected
3. Suez update
 - a. Tom wasn't able to be here, but Larry Finnicum (Dir. Of Operations) speaking with an engineer from Suez
 - i. 5 year commitment to replacing the water mains in Ashbourne Hills and Radnor Green
 - ii. Pipes were installed in the 1950's and need to be replaced
 - iii. Material is cast iron without a cement liner- occasionally leads to reddish brown rusty water
 - iv. Last year there was a total of five projects approx \$4MM
 - v. This year projects invested to \$2.2MM
 - b. Ted Harris (engineer) to discuss the succession of projects through the neighborhood
 - i. See handouts- including sequence of events
 - ii. Modernizing the mains to avoid the discoloration of water that occurs with direct contact of the metal with the water
 - iii. 5 year time frame was the plan at the beginning of 2018.
 - iv. 2018 included
 1. N Avon
 2. Glenrock
 3. Honeywell
 - v. Current work is focused on activating the newly installed mains
 1. Hope is to be done with the current projects by the end of Avon
 2. Then on to "S. Avon Part II", Ruby Dr. (not finalized; pending
 - vi. For questions and concerns
 1. 302-633-5900
 2. Also check their facebook
4. Ray Siegfried- State Rep.
 - a. Working on legislation in Dover
 - i. Criminal Justice Bill
 - b. Promoting collaboration
 - i. Working with DelDOT to coordinate with improvements like the Suez projects
 - ii. Collaborating between the state and the country
 - c. Questions
 - i. Crystal Dean- who determines the locations of drug rehabilitation facilities?
 1. He can't control the past, but will communicate with us, especially via AHCA meetings
 2. Lauded us for our good attendance

3. His understanding is that the new facility on Philadelphia Pike is not going to be used for methadone distribution
5. John Cartier- Newcastle County Councilman
 - a. One of the largest AHCA meetings he has seen
 - b. Vacant houses
 - i. There is a database
 - ii. JC would like us to reach out to him directly via email or phone to report these to make sure they're listed in the database
 - iii. He will dispatch the code officer to assess the code enforcement
 - c. Train station
 - i. Going to relocate from its current location to the Steel Mill location.
 1. New
 2. Accessible
 3. Massive investment
 - ii. At large question- is this a superfund site?
 1. It is a "Brown Site"
 - d. Public investments
 - i. Train station
 - ii. This library!
 - e. Tri-State Mall- under contract with new owners, pending settlement
 - i. Commercial developers from Connecticut
 - ii. Renewing the site with new commercial, and maybe hotels
 - f. At-large Question- can you update us on the project of waterfront accessibility?
 - i. Working on plans to allow access to the waterfront, parkland, other amenities
 - ii. Working on it, but not a short-term project
 - g. Claymont Community update- this is the Claymont Design Review Committee
 - i. The fourth Wednesday of the month, here at the library, at 6pm
6. New business
 - a. Easter Egg Hunt- Kris
 - i. Call for volunteers
 1. Anita
 2. Ashley Graham
 - ii. At-large question
 1. Can we get the bunny there?
 - b. President's report from Melody
 - i. Community garden
 1. Rick Mickowski and Madison Walters(?) Community Liaison
 - a. After coordinating with county on land-use, we contact them
 - ii. Call for volunteers to beautify the signs/entryways
 - iii. Storm drain and fire hydrant cleanup
 1. Something to think about on Earth Day
 - iv. At-large suggestion from Anita
 1. Stickers to identify the fire hydrants
 - v. Drainage issues cost-sharing program
 - c. Secretary's Report
 - i. Underground Storage Closure Assistance (for out of use oil tanks)
 1. There is a brochure
 - ii. Spotted lantern flies
 1. There is a brochure
 2. We are quarantined

- 3. They are an invasive species that we need to look out for
 - iii. Vacant properties; Rental properties
 - 1. Need to be registered
 - 2. Frank Walsh- Newcastle County Code Inspector
 - iv. At-large question- Mary
 - 1. What are the regulations for bonfires?
 - v. Christina River Watershed Cleanup this Saturday- meetup where Sweeney's used to be, by Harry's Savoy Grill
- 7. Open questions
 - a. What percentage of rentals in Ashbourne Hills?
 - i. We'll follow up
 - b. Corner of Ruby and East Shelley there is a split tree
 - i. Kris will follow up with Frank Walsh
 - c. When was the deed restriction change done
 - i. For John Oziak (sp?)
 - d. Deed restrictions enforcement committee
 - i. John Oziak, SR
 - ii. Crystal
 - iii. Kris
 - e. Verizon safety issue
 - i. Bob Munoz