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Minutes of the Community Meeting held on

Thursday, December 6, 2007 at 6:30 p.m.

**New Castle County Gilliam Conference Room at
77 Reads Way (behind the Government Center)**

Items discussed as outlined on the Agenda:

I. Opening Remarks and Board Introductions

Attendees –

Melanie George-Marshall, State Representative.

SMMC Board Members –

Chandra Rudloff
Debra Rowland
Tony Pennella
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II. Melanie discussed legislative updates & hot topics in the area:

Melanie first extended recognition of the quality job being completed by the SMMC board. College Scholarship Funds booklets handed out was shared and discussed with the community – Melanie will mail the booklets to anyone that calls or emails her. Melanie discussed the current ban on yard waste & trash as it relates to Environmental Control and the need to

recycle into mulch. Highway route 141 is expected to reopen by December 2008. A ramp located near Christiania Mall expected construction to widen. A proposal to fund Del Tech Community College (needs new science labs) for use of MBNA and the old AAA MidAtlantic buildings that are currently empty. Melanie discussed the future plans of a community park & center coming onto route 7 – development to begin with the next year. Community residents can reference the News Journal for BILLS posted. Email Melanie for more information at Melanie.Marshall@state.de.us.

The board presented and discussed the following:

- III.** Block Watch – more volunteers are needed. The next meeting is scheduled for Tuesday, January 15, 2008 for training and updates. If interested, please send email to crudloff@verizon.net to receive notice and updates, if you are not already a member of the Block Watch.
- IV.** A Civic Association can be started by community residents – to handle events such as community picnics, kite day, etc. But, volunteers are needed to head up the association as it can not be run by the SMMC board members. There was also some discussion of initial funding that may be needed to start up a civic association - but the discussion can be finalized at the next community meeting and/or with volunteers.
- V.** The community residents in attendance had positive feedback on the past year's lawn care. The board communicated reasons for a new vendor for 2008 and how the pond area would cost less for routine maintenance. (In 2007 the pond area maintenance included clearance of debris & bushes because it was not maintained prior to 2007.) There is a new vendor for snow removal 2008 (more information is available on our website).

VI. Other items discussed and/or responses to questions from community residents:

Retention pond area – payment due from Governor Square – SMMC board to contact New Castle County for more information.

August 1, 2008 is August Night Out (1st Tuesday) each year – for surrounding neighborhoods to come together against crime in our neighborhoods and to show a unity by turning on outside lights on August 1st. (Location is across the street at park where the new YMCA is being built.) There will be local vendors as well.

December 15, 2007 bills to be mailed from New Castle County for 2008 assessment fees due by January 31, 2008.

Please plan to join us at the next Community Meeting scheduled for Wednesday, March 12, 2008 at 6:30 PM!!! (Location will be announced.)