

Stockdale Meeting Notes

March 16, 2015

22 people in attendance

- **Drug Presentation** – Lt. Ed Schiavi presented numerous photos and drug information. Much of the information was eye-opening. Most of the area break-ins are a consequence of the heroine epidemic. The cost of heroine has dropped dramatically in the last 10 years and the community break-ins are those addicts looking for loose change for a quick “score.”
- **Upcoming Meetings** – Matt reminded everyone of the Stockdale meeting schedule going forward. Our meetings are the 3rd Monday of the last month of each quarter at the Claymont Library. The next three meetings are June 15, September 21 and December 21.
- **Feedback on our Snow Plower** – Matt had requested feedback on our new snow plower. We had 2 snow events that required snow plowing. Most of the feedback was positive. The only negative comment was the ice beneath the snow on the hills. Matt said the salt supply had sold out and our plower was not able to obtain and therefore we had icy patches where we should have had black top
- **Annual Yard Sale** – Our annual yard sale is Saturday, June 13 8am – 2pm. Signs will be posted around the neighborhood and advertisements will be run.
- **Road Priority** – Matt confirmed with Bryon Short and Harris McDowell that funding for paving of Chapel and Pyramid Avenues will be done this year. Most likely in the Fall.
- **Treasurers Report** – Maureen articulated that we have 141 members, \$10k+ in the bank, 98 members utilizing our discounted trash service.
- **Crime Watch** – There were a number of break-ins during the snow storm of February 21, especially along Manor Avenue and 4 other reported robberies since our last meeting in December. Matt emphasized the need to report all incidents. The current robberies are crimes of opportunity and the thieves are mainly after loose change. Locking doors would have prevented at least a majority of these incidents.
- **Coalition Update** – Babak Golgolab announced that the Coalition meetings are now every other month beginning April 16. Green Day is Saturday, June 13 at the Community Center. This year’s event will be larger than previous years and Eagle One will be sponsoring a secure shredding truck for those who have documents to shred. Smart 911 is a free service to help first responders to the location of an emergency with more information to help emergency management better plan for and respond to emergencies. By creating a Safety Profile for your family, you are providing potentially life-saving information to public safety officials at the time when they need it most. More info can be found @ <http://safety.smart911.com/smart911/>.
- **Political Updates** – Bryon Short introduced himself and explained there are 2 legislative matters.
 1. Tele-medicine - the use of medical information exchanged from one site to another via electronic communications to improve a patient’s clinical health status. Telemedicine includes a growing variety of applications and services using two-way video, email, smart phones, wireless tools and other forms of telecommunications technology.
 2. Massage Parlors – State Police and Health and Human Services are partnering to attempt to revoke business licenses for those

establishments convicted of prostitution. The Spa located at Naamans & Marsh Rds was made an example but this issue is widespread. Could be possible human trafficking. The employees are brought down from New York and could be part of a larger network. Not only are these places a health concern but also a crime magnet. Legitimate Masseuses require hundreds of hours of schooling and training and will have a certification from an accredited school. Notify Matt of any potholes to be patched.

- Steve Crocket, Harris McDowell's aide, introduced himself as he has been in his current role for about 5 weeks. Steve reiterated the partnership with Bryon Short to fund paving of Chapel and Pyramid Avenues.
- John Cartier announced there are no code enforcement issues in Stockdale. The Crime Stats are unavailable at this time as NCC Police are migrating to a new reporting system. The current trend of break-ins are crimes of opportunity and 90% of drug arrests are heroine related.
- **CRDC Updates** – Brett Saddler echoed our newsletter. Commercial Development Corp (CDC) has acquired the Evraz Steel site. Currently Evraz is hiring vendors for next phase. Auctioning of equipment will occur in the near future. The main Admin Building will remain. Some razing of buildings could begin by year end. Complete process is expected to take 2.5 years. CDC will donate historical items found during the demo to the Historical Society. Brett hopes that this can be tied to improving the Claymont Train Station. NCC Police conducted a drug sweep in Overlook Colony last week where large amounts of drugs, paraphernalia and money were seized. Darley Green apartments are being built with 289 units. There are 217 townhouses built, 1/3 of total. Commercial buildings will begin soon. Green Street thoroughway will be open soon, no ETA. Sunoco at Darley & Philly Pike will be getting a facelift, no ETA. There is a towing business illegally operating out of the Getty Station. They have no certificate of occupancy and have been cited. He is doing everything legally possible to have them removed. A Chinese take-out business will be opening at the Renaissance Pharmacy site and will make the location more attractive; ETA end of Spring. Brett described a recently touching story in which graffiti was found in Darley Green last week. Neighbors immediately cleaned off the graffiti, demonstrating "Neighbors Helping Neighbors." North Claymont Area Master Plan Study will bring together all stakeholders including New Castle County, WILMAPCO, DelDOT, DNREC, DE Office of State Planning Coordination, DE Economic Development Office and the public to devise a strategy for a better use for North Claymont (ie. Tri-State Mall, Evraz, etc.) A community visioning workshop will be held in June (date/place TBD) for all Claymont residents to offer their input.
- Terri Kelly from Eagle One announced that they are now offering Car Loans half off, as low as 1.99% good until 3/31/15. As long as the person applies up to and including 3/31/15, they will honor the promotional rate. Stop by or call Eagle One @ 798-7749 for more info.
- Matt closed out the meeting by thanking Waterfall for hosting our meeting and re-emphasized our newsletter headline that we are at a critical juncture that could ultimately lead to a great future for our community. Waterfall is investing huge amounts of dollars into our community. They are catering to large dollar clientele and has gotten Claymont "on the map." With these important current workings (ie. Darley Green, Library, Eagle One, Waterfall) and potential future developments (ie. Steel Plant, Train Station, Tri-State Mall, Commercial Building at Darley Green, CVS, etc.) we are now in a position to shape the future of our community.