

Stockdale Civic Association

Meeting Notes

Monday, September 22, 2014

- **New Meeting Schedule** - We now have a consistent and predictable meeting schedule going forward. Our meetings will be held on the 3rd Monday before the end of each Quarter. The next meetings are Dec. 15, March 16, 2015, June 15 and Sept. 14.
- **Roofing Contractors following the Hail Storm** - There have been a number of roofing contractors soliciting their services following June's Hail Storm. One neighbor questioned a salesperson from R&R roofing who did not have and was not aware of the NCC badge for solicitors. Matt contacted and met with a rep from R&R and confirmed they are a legitimate company existing for almost 20 years and are obtaining the necessary NCC badge. However, there may be some "stormchasing" contractors who are not legitimate. Contact County complaints at 395-5555 if you suspect fraudulence. Details of the Home Solicitation Sales Law can be found <http://delcode.delaware.gov/title6/c044/index.shtml>
- **Kingswood Academy** - Matt has contacted a representative from Kingswood Academy and Father John from Holy Rosary to have a public meeting setup to find out more about Kingswood and to answer any questions or concerns. Meeting is scheduled on Tuesday, Sept 30 at 6pm at the Holy Rosary School. Kingswood Academy is the education arm of Kingswood Community Center in Wilmington. Their mission is to educate troubled and disadvantaged high schoolers to re-acclimate back to mainstream high schools. Dawn Hower mentioned that Kingswood is classified as Tier 3 within a 3 Tier school system. Tier 1 is classified as mainstream schooling (School-Classroom-Wide Systems for All students, Staff & Settings). Tier 2 is a Specialized Group for Students with At-Risk Behavior (ie. Brandywine Community School). Tier 3 is a Specialized Individualized Systems for students with High-Risk Behavior. There is a State Police Office assigned to Kingswood on a regular basis. As per Captain Jennifer Griffin, they have not seen an increase in complaints since Kingswood has opened. There are currently 55 students attending.
- **Annual Clean Up Day** - we are having our annual clean up day on Saturday, October 18 9 – 11:30am. We will have a dumpster dropped off for large discarded items located behind Durkee Automotive as well as a roving trash truck. Furthermore, we'll have Bartology go around to collect "other" recyclable items for \$5 per item.
- **New Trash Hauler** – Maureen explained that we have contracted with Econo-Haul who will be dropping off trash totes the week of September 21 and Waste Management will be collecting their totes during the week of September 28. Econo-Haul has reached out to all current trash customers. They will be taking care of the payment collection. Maureen will be sending out a message next month for those who are not trash customers and may want to sign up.
- **2014-2015 Membership #s** - we currently have 89 members and 84 trash customers
- **Street Paving** – Based on input from community members from our previous meeting, we will forgo partial paving of Manor Avenue and have elected to have Chapel and Pyramid Avenues paved for this fiscal year. Bryon Short has been notified. No ETA on paving.
- **Archmere Parking** – consensus in the room that the parking situation has improved over the last few years. Matt mentioned that he and Maureen have met with Principal John Jordan a couple of

times to reiterate the need for parents to be notified to be considerate when parking on Manor Avenue. They have been working with us to address our concerns and added permanent signage on their fence to park in the lot for events plus they place a large yellow sign in the street near the entrances to alert traffic to use the lot. It has helped the parking situation. However, a neighbor who lives across the street from Archmere complained that some buses are parked along Manor Avenue idling for a period of time prior to picking up students. Councilman Cartier said there is an anti-idling law in Delaware. Babak Golgolab read the details of the law. Idling of an on-road vehicle over 8,500 pounds gross vehicle weight for longer than three minutes is, in most cases, prohibited in Delaware. Violators are subject to penalties of not less than \$50 and up to \$500 for each offense. Subsequent violations carry fines of \$500 - \$1500. The details can be found <http://www.dnrec.delaware.gov/dwhs/info/Pages/TruckAntidling.aspx>.

- **Halloween Parade** – Matt presented an idea for a Halloween Parade for our community. He mentioned that his original plan was to have the parade go from Food Lion to the Fire Hall but there was too much red tape and money involved. A better option would be to have it within the community. The fire dept agreed to have a fire truck for kids to follow as well as fire dept members directing traffic at necessary intersections. The parade could end at the fire hall for refreshments. Matt will send out a message for someone to take the organizing lead for the parade.
- **Support for the Henrietta Johnson Medical Center at the Community Center** – The Claymont Community center is in talks with Henrietta Johnson Medical Center (HJMC), an FQHC (Federally Qualified Health Center) in Wilmington, to expand the Claymont Community Center health care delivery services for Claymont, by bringing a satellite of HJMC to the Community center. Additional details will be coming as plans are firmed up. Stockdale has pledged its support.
- **Coalition Items** – Saturday, December 6 will be the Claymont Christmas Parade. December 5 will be the meet Santa night at the Community Center. November 4 is the General Election open to all political parties. Beginning in October, all Coalition meetings will be held at the site of the old library at the community center.
- **CRDC Items** – Brett Saddler was unable to attend but left a message that he had nothing additional from the Stockdale Newsletter.
- **Political Items** – John Cartier mentioned that Autozone has been finalized to be built at the old 7-eleven location at Maple Lane and Philly Pike. No eta at this time. Darley Green Retail Building space is coming very soon. No tenants at this time. October 10, beginning at 7pm is the Shrimp Feast fundraiser at the fire hall. November 14, the Community Center and the Legacy Fund will unveil the new murals.
- **Election** – with the help of Babak Golgolab, all in attendance elected the current officers for another 1 year term.
- **Open Forum** - Mike Turner, residing on Stockdale Avenue, expressed concerns about the rapid flow of traffic on Stockdale Avenue. Mike has contacted Matt in the past to look into getting a speed bump or stop sign posted. It was determined that a speed bump is not possible but Matt needs to find out if a stop sign is possible. Mike also inquired about an incident that occurred on Saturday, September 13 at 5am at the intersection of Philly Pike and Stockdale Avenue. Apparently the Pennsylvania State Police were involved in an incident with the assistance of NCC Police. No info is available from either Police Dept.