

Stockdale Meeting Notes

June 15, 2015, 6pm

Claymont Library

6 people in attendance

- **Easter Egg Hunt** – our hunt was held on March 21 at the Claymont Auxillary Fire Station at Naamans and Marsh Rds. We are grateful to the Claymont Fire Company as they were kind enough to allow us to use their facility at a last minute's notice. The gathering had more than 20 kids participate and we hope to do the same next year at the same location
- **Yard Sale** – Matt wanted some feedback about our yard sale on June 13. It seems the yard sale traffic was light perhaps due to hot weather and Green Day. One comment was that those yard sale shoppers did not know where to go. One suggestion was to have the yard sale in the Fall or Spring during cooler months or on the same day as Archmere's yard sale. Fall and Spring is a definite possibility, however, Archmere's yard sale is held mid-late March and the weather is too unpredictable. A new date will be decided prior next meeting and will be announced.
- **Annual Claymont Historical Tour** – This year's tour will be held on Saturday, September 26. The tour has been a popular event since starting a few years ago. One comment was to have the tour every other year. Claymont has a limited amount of sights to offer and are repeated each year.
- **Treasurer Report**
 - 142 members (17 new members) and 100 participants in trash program
 - \$6,857.99 in savings + \$3,328.28 in checking = \$10,186.27
 - Last Quarter Expenditures
 - \$2,700 – 2 snow events for plowing
 - \$240.09 – Easter egg hunt and children's activities
 - \$184.01 – Yard Sale Signs/Stands, Journal Ad
 - Correction from previous newsletter; actual amount reimbursed for plowing \$1693.94 vs estimated \$2025 = \$-331.06
 - 2015-2016 Yearly dues are due by September 1. Still \$25
- **Political Updates**
 - From Rep Bryon Short: The telemedicine bill has passed the General Assembly and we are currently working on setting up a bill signing ceremony with the Governor's Office for next month.
 - Rep. Short and Cpt. Griffin at Del. State Police Troop 1 have been in contract and are planning on working to address the massage parlor issue once they are out of session.
 - Councilman Cartier commented on the massage parlor issue; This matter needs to be addressed at the State Attorney General Level as the Attorney General can create a task force and funds with a vice squad and Prosecutor to seriously combat this problem. The problem appears to have an organized crime element with slave/prostitution trafficking.
 - Councilman Cartier exalted about the Real Estate Redevelopment in Claymont as the biggest/hottest in the State. The Steel Plant has 10,000+ tons of steel to remove that will take approx. 2.5 years to complete and will bring in hundreds of jobs and increased business to the Claymont Business District. The Train Station is planned to be moved and upgraded as part of the latest Steel Plant reprovionment plans. Other exciting developments are the New CVS and Wawa being built at Naamans and Peachtree Rd.

The owners of the Tri-State Mall are being encouraged to the idea of refurbishing/rehabbing the Tri-State Mall. We need to look at the current revitalization plans realistically with a 10 year view for completion.

There was a question about the sewer pipe project on Governor Printz; there is no word on when it will resume. The work stalled in the 2nd phase. Redesign will probably be needed. There is a new vacancy ordinance implemented. Homes that are vacant for 90 days or more can be reported to County Code Enforcement. Those owners will be contacted for status of home. Homes vacant for a 1 year or more can be issued a fine.

- **Coalition Update** – Babak Galgolab was not present at the meeting but has given the following update: Green Day went well. We had a good turn out of volunteers for the Cleanup. We would have liked to have more people attend the community activities in the afternoon. We had DE State Police Mounted Patrol which was a great hit. It gave those attending the event an opportunity to get close to the mounted patrol and talk to the police. We also had the Claymont Fire Company bring one of their trucks and people were able to talk to Fire Company personnel. We also had all recycling including Electronic Recycling and Paper Shredding provided by Eagle One FCU. Our Next Green Day is scheduled for Saturday June 11, 2016.
- **CRDC Updates** – Brett Saddler echoed our newsletter. The Steel Plant redesign was shown publicly. The main Admin Building will remain. Some razing of buildings could begin by year end. Complete process is expected to take 2.5 years. The North Claymont Master Plan is progressing and will require community engagement for input. Public meetings will be scheduled in the near future; no dates at this time. The Department of Land Use will need to sign off on the plan. New Castle County hired ZHA, economic analyst who worked on the Claymont Renaissance a decade ago, will provide analysis for the Tri- State Mall and Steel Plant. The CRDC is working with the owner of a Chinese Take Out restaurant that will open at the former Renaissance Pharmacy location next to McDonalds. No ETA for opening. There were comments about needing nicer restaurants on Philadelphia Pike, especially with new residents moving into Darley Green. We need to make sure they don't go to Naamans Road for dining in light of a possible rehab of Tri-State Mall.
- **Community Watch Update** - 6 community watch members met at the library in May to discuss the rash of car break-ins in the neighborhood. Robbers are only looking for loose change; probably for drug purposes. The cheapest and most effective crime deterrent is lighting. Matt had driven around the neighborhood and found that there are a number of dark areas in the evening, especially the service alleyways along Wiltshire Rd. Matt met with Delmarva to get price estimate for telephone pole lights in the alleyways. Installation and Maintenance is done by Delmarva. Monthly cost is about \$9 per light per month with homeowner(s) footing the bill. Councilman Cartier has agreed to work with Matt to see if the County can apportion the cost to county taxes. Sporadic patrols are occurring and will continue.
- Our Vice-President, Shannon Myrick, is stepping down and will be moving out of the area. We thank Shannon for her 2.5 years of service. The seat is currently vacant and welcomes any community member to volunteer their services.