

Stockdale Meeting Notes

9/21/15

6pm Claymont Library

15 people attending

Annual Yard Sale – Board decided to schedule our yard sale earlier in Spring rather than waiting until June. No date has been set.

Annual Claymont Historical Tour – Saturday, September 26. Suggestion from someone was to have the tour every other year as the tour is repetitive. However, Maureen mentioned that earlier tours had John Cartier and Carolynn Mercadante on the bus as it toured providing much more info about area.

Halloween Parade – Saturday, October 24 10am-noon. Following up on the last year's successful parade. Same route beginning on Manor Avenue and walking behind a Claymont Firetruck over to Holy Rosary School Parking Lot or Church in the event of poor weather.

Treasurer Report - Dues are due – still \$25 for year beginning September 1, 2015 and ending August 31, 2016

- Trash group – Of 103 participants, 39 haven't paid. Notice with 2 reminders sent and now will follow up with phone calls.
- 2015 – 90 current members with total of 142 last year. 17 new members last year and 3 new this year.
- A member mentioned that we are using Econo-haul, why are some residents still on Waste Management?
- \$12,100 in the bank

Coalition Update – Babak Golgolab was not present at the meeting but wanted to let everyone know

- October 15th meeting of the Claymont Coalition will include a Special Speaker from New Castle County who will talk about the Heroin Epidemic. Delaware State Police will also talk about what is going on in Claymont and Brandywine Hundred. Speaker subsequently cancelled.

Kiki Evinger - Aide to Brian Short; introduced herself and relayed the following

- Road Repair – Next year's road repair request must be submitted by November 2015. Based on our road repair priority, Castle is the next road to be repaved after Chapel and Pyramid.
- Chapel Avenue will be repaved before Winter 2015 and Pyramid Ave will be done Spring '16
- Discussion about pot holes – they can hot patch when weather is warm; Matt has submitted request for patching to be done. There was discussion about doing a "real fix" rather than patching the same spot; but it is too costly.
 - Areas in need:
 - Bottom of Wiltshire
 - Castle and Wistar
 - Palace Avenue at Governor Printz Blvd
 - Library
 - Philadelphia Pike at Steel plant
 - Foot of Manor Ave at Gov Printz being in bad shape
- Brian is working with State's Attorney General on the Massage Parlor Issue

Rob Cameron - President of Ashbourne Hills Civic Association introduced himself and discussed:

- They had deep potholes in their area –the infrastructure underneath was collapsing - he took photos with a yardstick and got a response from DelDOT
- He is visiting area Civic Associations to discuss the possibility of creating a Coalition of Civic Association Presidents to combine efforts like, communication, Town Watch and other common problems.
- Any interest in creating a Collective Town Watch?
- Issues on the Pike – there is not enough Police presence.

John Cartier – County Councilman

- Darley Green Progress

- Building of retail area should resume early this week or next
 - Apartments are 90% leased – some are condominiums which are 70% leased
- Crime & Safety
 - Heroin is driving crime
 - Keep eyes open – call 302-573-2800 to report suspicion – this goes to 911
 - Commercial district is alarming
 - Overlook Colony is a hot spot
 - Policing model – call in anything suspicious because system is complaint driven. Federal money is dependent on amount of calls
- Claymont Steel – 479 acres of improvement
 - Massive undertaking, Newark was only 275 acres & Newark is still not done
 - Claymont has a real advantage – it has River, Road & Rail
- New Claymont Train Station Relocation
 - Has 350,000 riders a year – 2nd only to Amtrak hub in Wilmington; Newark only has 168,000
 - Septa Commuter Rail Station would be moved north away from existing curve
 - Whole new road system to access relocated station
 - Presently not handicap friendly
 - What about Myrtle & Marion homes? Nothing planned

Brett Saddler - CRDC

- Major development for Claymont
- There will soon be Stakeholder Meetings as part of the North Claymont Master Plan.
- Brett has seen the Darley apartments – builder spared no expense, they are really done well – will draw young professionals. \$1300 for 1 bedroom.
 - Darley Green in total 950 units – 665 owner occupied, rest are apartments
- Sidewalks for Manor & Myrtle will be revamped next year. No ETA.
- Pedestrian Bridge to Fox Point Park already exists
- Development to the riverfront near the steel mill – John and Brett drove along the Delaware River along the Steel Mill and there is already an existing slip for ships
- Superfresh – the owner is in discussions with several supermarkets – one from Central PA
- Auto Zone – need permit due to DelDot bureaucracy
- Coach House property – possible Dollar General? Seems to be some interest but CRDC is not warm to the idea of another dollar store.
- Chinese Restaurant at former Renaissance Pharmacy – owner changed his mind and will be renting out property.
- Wood Pile on the Pike next to Moon Plumbing at Pennsylvania Ave – need to look into piles
- Waterfall Restaurant – Installing new fence
- Cumberland Farms – price too high for site; no one interested
- Post Office – was power washed & painted white
- Ashley Towing next to Post Office – doesn't belong
 - Heard there are Gas Tankers filling tanks – these should be empty
 - If tanks aren't leaking they do not have to be removed
 - Could be selling vehicles from lot; report any potential violations to County 395-5555

John/Brett

- Namaans Road
 - Tri State Mall – 40 acres
 - John Cartier spoke to Larry the attorney – there are no plans for the next 6 months
 - Engaged in the Northern Claymont Master Plan?
 - The roof is failing at the former Levitz location - John hopes to have it declared unsafe and demolish it (example is 1505 Namaans being torn down)
 - Prostitution at one end
 - Brett will send updates