

Regular Meeting of the Chester Heights Civic Association

Meeting called to order on 1/28/2019 at 7:30 PM with the following Board members in attendance: Ray Inello, Paul Mazzola, Irene Sarno and Dawn Attwood. Approximately 15 members attended.

If any corrections list them here: N/A

Treasurer's Report:

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| Opening Balance | 2621.40 |
| Income/Dues Collected | 1506.80 |
| Funds | 4128.20 |
| Expenses | 1011.47 |
| Closing Balance | 3116.73 |

Communications: Correspondence with EFD re firehouse renovations.

Bills Against the CHCA: Liability insurance through Traveler's Insurance Company paid through period 12/2018 through 12/2019, based on collection of membership dues.

Membership Update: Out of the 258 residential homes in CH, 12 paid residential members to date for 2019.

Old Business:

Guest speaker Lt. Jeff Hunter, EPD attending meeting to discuss recent neighborhood activities, crime prevention, neighborhood watch committee, potential fencing/barrier to properties abutting the Hutchinson River Parkway, issues with landscaping trucks blocking traffic to be addressed

1. **Civic Affairs** – Bob Marziotti (chair), Steve Moschetta & Jason Attwood:

504 New Rochelle Road (Gas station/Convenience store):

- Up and operating; no word of problems so far.
- Currently operating under a Temporary Certificate of Compliance (TCC), since there are still a few minor loose ends to be tied up, specifically: pavement markings and signage at the entrance and exits to be added, Town's lighting consultant scheduled to do field check of all light fixtures, light levels and all instructions for which lights can and cannot remain on after operating hours, TCC good until October 8, but should be ready for Final CC shortly

493 New Rochelle Road (former Chase bank): No inquiries at all since the last report; previous inquiries regarding the potential for coffee shops/fast food -- but nothing concrete ever materialized (and those are not generally allowed anyway).

490 New Rochelle Road (former bakery): No news or inquiries about potential tenants (and the renovations appear to have slowed down a bit).

Road Construction: As we know, the local area road closures due to resurfacing/construction are becoming overwhelming. We understand some (or maybe most) of this is related to a gas pipeline project that extends as far north as Canada, and the portion running through our area (mostly on California Road) is up for repair at this time. But it's been going on for months in the same spot, roads are frequently closed, and with all the construction traffic New Rochelle Road has become a potholed mess.

Information from Hector (Supt. of Highways) and Lisa Pinto in the Supervisor's Office:
Project about two months behind schedule due to technical difficulties found with the pipe under the initial section of California Road. This current section should be done by 9/30/18. The rest of it will take until about August 2019 to get to Mill Road. California Road to be paved as soon as possible. However, New Rochelle Road is not "owned" by the Town of Eastchester, so Town presently waiting to hear back on that.

2. **Membership/New Residents/Welcome** –Seth Goldberg/ Randi Cappadora & Joseph Doherty.
3. **Communications** – Elena O'Mahony
 - 213 email subscribers;
 - Weekly "Around Town" and Classifieds continue to circulate on Saturday mornings. Members are free to email with any local events that they would like published.
 - 2 new event lawn signs were delivered, Thank you to the Ushay family for their generous donation!!
 - CHCA events have also been posted on the CH Facebook page
4. **Events** – Susan Miele (chair), Elena O'Mahony, Irene Sarno, Anna Manca & Dawn Attwood:
Upcoming events to be planned: Halloween block party, Tree Lighting
5. **By-laws** - Tom Moore – review of and proposed revisions to be drafted to 1955 by-laws
6. **Small Business/Fundraising** - Andy Pierovich
7. **Beautification** – Mario Pizzonia (chair) & Matt Manca – star for community tree
8. **Scholarship** – Noel Dallacco-Ammirati

New Business:

Board Elections to take place at next meeting

Potential guest speaker from EFD to attend 2019 meeting to discuss CH firehouse renovations

Committee Members/Reports

Guest speakers Margaret Uhle and Jay King of the Eastchester Planning and Building Department presented information, and fielded questions, as to the role of the Department and its general procedures/process as to renovations, public complaints, enforcement.

1. **Civic Affairs** – Bob Marziotti (chair), Steve Moschetta & Jason Attwood:
 - **504 New Rochelle Road (Gas station/Convenience store)**
 - Has all final approvals.
 - There have not been any complaints to the Planning Department regarding any problems at the site (nor has the Police Department received any).
 - **493 New Rochelle Road (former Chase bank)**
 - No inquiries received
 - **490 New Rochelle Road (former bakery):**
 - One of the spaces is getting close to obtaining a Certificate of Completion, meaning a tenant could move into the space. However, Department not aware of any potential tenants at this time.
 - The remaining space still requires more work before it will be ready to be occupied.
 - **Road Construction**
 - Con Ed will continue to be working in the area (California Road) for many, many, months.
 - **Other**
 - Nothing of note that the Planning Department is aware of.
2. **Membership/New Residents/Welcome** –Natalia Vivas and Joe Doherty (Thank you, Natalia and Joe for offering to volunteer!!)
3. **Communications** – Elena O’Mahony
 - 222 email subscribers
 - Communications with/reports from TPAC re traffic issues New Rochelle Road
 - Communications with/reports from Eastchester Fire Board re firehouse
 - Paypal membership payment option rolled out
 - Weekly “Around Town” and Classifieds continue to circulate on Saturday mornings. Members are free to email with any local events that they would like published
4. **Events** – Susan Miele (chair), Elena O’Mahony, Irene Sarno, Anna Manca & Dawn Attwood:
Upcoming events to be planned: Winter Trivia Night
5. **By-laws** – volunteer needed to review and propose revisions to be drafted to 1955 by-laws

6. **Small Business/Fundraising** – volunteers needed
7. **Beautification** – Mario Pizzonia (chair) & Matt Manca – new garbage receptacle replacement near bagel store, star for community tree
8. **Scholarship** – Noel Dallacco-Ammirati – 2019 applications

Adjournment: There being no further business to be brought before the members, a motion to adjourn was made by Ray Inello and seconded by Irene Sarno. The meeting adjourned at 9:10 PM.