

# Regular Meeting of the Chester Heights Civic Association

Meeting called to order on 9/10/2019 at 7:30 PM with the following Board members in attendance: Paul Mazzola, Irene Sarno, Elena O’Mahony and Dawn Attwood. Approximately 11 members attended.

If any corrections list them here: N/A

## Treasurer's Report:

Opening Balance	3888.63
Income/Dues Collected	1078.02
Funds	4966.65
Expenses	1500.00
Closing Balance	3466.65

**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 Chester Heights, 102 paid residential members and 236 email subscribers (183 unique house addresses) to date for 2019.

## Old Business:

CHCA Scholarships to three CHCA graduating seniors awarded (\$650 each, based on membership dues and scholarship donations), reception held following meeting

Call made to members for volunteers

Discussion re untimely garbage put to curb

- 2 Lockwood (Apt Building) garbage pickup is on Archer – sometimes garbage is left out ahead of scheduled time
- members advised to call Highway Dept
- CHCA will send email about garbage placement/times – members are welcome to report violators anonymously

Discussion re vacant house on Lockwood/Charles – grounds are unsightly

- going to auction

## Committee Members/Reports

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

- **504 New Rochelle Road (Gas station/Convenience store)**
  - Received final certificate of compliance on 10/24/18
  - There have not been any complaints about the site, except for excessive signage as discussed at least CHCA meeting; the signage has since been removed
- **493 New Rochelle Road (former Chase bank)**

- Siwanoy Country Club will use the building for temporary office space while the club house is undergoing renovations. They plan to occupy the space until May 2020.
- No indication as to potential long-term tenants after that
- **490 New Rochelle Road (former bakery):**
  - Certificate of Compliance issued for smaller storefront. No word as to potential tenants.
  - Work on the larger, former bakery storefront has stalled; no indication as to when work will be complete. The permits do expire, but can be extended simply by paying additional fees
- **497 New Rochelle Road (Sunoco Station):**
  - Because the owner did not meet the required deadlines, the Town issued a summons and the owner appeared in court. The Court allowed him additional time to rectify removal of the wood pile, shed and lift. Owner has removed most, if not all, of the wood, disassembled the lift (but not yet removed it), and is in the process of finding a new home for the shed. Once the Town issues a summons, there is not much leeway with deadlines; however, owner is making progress and is scheduled to appear in court again on July 2 (at which time, it is hoped all issues will have been resolved).
- **495 New Rochelle Road (former Karma Fashions)**
  - Karma Fashions no longer there
- **Road Construction**
  - Con Ed will continue to be working in the area (California Road) for another couple of years, as per Hector DiLeo, Superintendent of Highways
  - With regard to condition of New Rochelle Road (seems road has deteriorated due to heavy construction equipment passing through), we should contact Hector DiLeo. Bob had offered to draft letter on behalf of CHCA, if members submit their specific concerns, thoughts, etc. No submissions received.

**2. Membership/New Residents/Welcome/ Small Business/Fundraising –Natalia Vivas and Joe Doherty**

- Nothing new to report
- Will start knocking on doors now that weather is nice
- 85 household members
- Elena provided committee with 40 copies of brochure, more needed, Joe Doherty to ask his daughters
- Elena reported to committee that business flyer is printable on website

- Ray will obtain list of new residents
- Irene will provide list of current members

**3. Communications** – Elena O’Mahony

- Communications with/reports from TPAC re traffic issues New Rochelle Road
- Communications with/reports from Eastchester Fire Board re firehouse
- 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.

- Winter Trivia Night at Gordy’s, with member Scott Misner as host, big success! 40 attendees (capacity); should do again
- Picnic date July 7
- Next yard sale – thoughts about charging \$10 per table for members, \$25 for non-members
- New ideas: Adult softball game at Chester Heights Field & NYC Bar Crawl

**5. By-laws** – volunteer needed to review and propose revisions to be drafted to 1955 by-laws (Paul Mazzola to ask his daughter)

**6. Beautification** – volunteers needed

**7. Scholarship** – Noel Dallacco-Ammirati

- 2019 scholarship awards to CHCA seniors given out today at CHCA reception

**New Business:**

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

- **504 New Rochelle Road (Gas station/Convenience store)**
  - Received final certificate of compliance on 10/24/18
  - A complaint was recently filed about weeds growing at the rear of the property, and signage that had previously been removed was replaced. In response, the Town issued a violation and summons. The owner went to court, paid a fine, and was required to remove the weeds and signs.
  - No additional complaints have been made about this location.
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    - Beloved Designs, new hair salon has opened
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**Held:**

- Picnic July 7 was another success; discussion about holding on non-holiday weekend next year
- Yard sale took place on September 7 and 8 – discussions about improved advertising, commitments from signed-up participants, Sign-up Genius to-do list
- Softball game with adult/high school members held at Chester Heights Field on September 7; great turnout, most continued at Gordy’s after game; should do again
- Inspirational sidewalk chalk messages for first day of school another success as well

**Upcoming:**

- Halloween Block Party October 26
- Tree Lighting - need to select date; discussion re star for tree

**New Ideas:**

- Snow Angels - need to reach out to Eastchester for more information

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- Discussion regarding potential tiered scholarships depending on involvement/service in community

**Adjournment:** There being no further business to be brought before the members, a motion to adjourn was made by Paul Mazzola and seconded by Irene Sarno. The meeting adjourned at 8:30 PM.