

# Regular Meeting of the Chester Heights Civic Association

**Meeting called to order on 4/2/2019** at 7:30 PM with the following Board members in attendance: Ray Inello, Paul Mazzola, Irene Sarno, Elena O’Mahony and Dawn Attwood. Approximately 16 members attended.

**If any corrections list them here:** N/A

## Treasurer's Report:

Opening Balance	3116.73
Income/Dues Collected	2150.55
Funds	5267.28
Expenses	0
Closing Balance	5267.28

**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, 56 paid residential members and 223 email subscribers to date for 2019.

## Old Business:

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
    - 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

**New Business:**

Call made to members to fill/replace Board positions

Reports from members attending TPAC and Fire Board Meetings – not much can be done on New Rochelle Road until pipeline project completed on California Road; Chester Heights firehouse renovations to move forward/work to be put out for bid

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

**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):**
    - Renovations to the smaller storefront on the left are almost complete. The owner should be able to obtain a certificate of compliance soon, and can then begin to lease the space. At this time, no potential tenants.
    - Work on the larger space 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):**
    - A violation was issued to the property owner to remove the wood pile and exterior lift – must do so by end of month. Owner has been responsive and was working with planning department and architect to determine if are viable options to store wood on site and legalize the lift. However, because the station is a legal non-conforming use, his options are very limited. Thus, more likely that wood and lift will be removed.
  - **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 offered to draft letter on behalf of CHCA, if members submit their specific concerns, thoughts, etc.
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**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 8:37 PM.