

MOUNT SINAI CIVIC ASSOCIATION

GENERAL MEETING

March 7, 2011

Board Members Present: Ann Becker, Al Smith

Members & Guests Present: ?

Call to order & Pledge: 8:00pm

I. President's Report:

Welcome
Explanation of tonight's agenda

II. Corresponding Secretary's Report: Ann Becker

Letters regarding: Town Agenda Board of Zoning Appeals

III. Membership Secretary's Report: n/a

Membership ?

IV. Recording Secretary's Report: Ann Becker

Dispensed with minutes of December meeting.

V. Treasurer's Report: Deirdre DuBato

Savings: ?
Beautification: ?

VI. President's Report/New Business: Ann Becker

- A. Update on Town hearing for Paul Elliot project – Mount Sinai Village Centre. Hearing to be held at Town Hall on Tuesday, March 8, 2010 beginning at 6pm. Lori Murphy of Councilwoman Jane Bonner's office was present to discuss the plan, informed membership that the hearing has been postponed while the developer modifies plans. For information contact councilwomanbonner@brookhaven.org.
- B. Update on the cell tower illegally erected by Next G on Town owned property on the corner of Apricot and Peachtree Lane in Mount Sinai. Mr. DeMarco informed the membership that the tower was taken down by the Highway Department. Councilwoman Bonner met with the law department to review cell tower laws and possible code violations and pertinent fines. Review of legislation underway. The Highway Department has requested new applications from Next G for all 10 other towers erected illegally throughout the town. Law Department suggested that Highway go through proper review process including submission of bonds and legal inspections. Each will be reviewed and the Highway Department will determine whether they can stay or must be taken down, based on original criteria for application. Application fee is now non-refundable. Town code must be changed to reflect new technologies and types of towers requested. Members questioned whether this was

rewarding illegal behavior. Part of problem is LIPA's ability to authorize on utility property (lack of oversight).

- C. The owner of the sober home on Canal Road fired another cannon and police were called. Ticket had been issued previously – Councilwoman Bonner's office will follow up with code enforcement. Residents met with Senator Ken LaValle who has been helpful, and will be contacting DSS (social services). Neighbors request that members refrain from buying flowers at local supermarkets as they were likely sold by Cathy's Farm Stand.
- D. TDBank application moving forward in the Town – possible reduction to number of drive through lanes as requested by the Civic.
- E. Welcome Sign repair needed – member suggested the broken sign could be repaired at a reduced cost.
- F. Blasko property on 25A – lost major tenant and financing so project is currently on hold.
- G. Outdated utility poles should be taken down – Verizon non-responsive. Councilperson should be able to pursue and request the tower be taken down – call 451-TOWN.
- H. A special election to fill Legislator Dan LoSquadro's seat on the Suffolk County Legislature will be held on March 29, 2010. Candidates are: Martin Haley and Sarah Anker. Ms Anker was present at the meeting and available for questions. All members were encouraged to vote at their regular polling place.
- I. Heritage Trust update by Lori Baldassare: Easter Egg hunt; Community Garage Sale 4/30; MPMS Historical Society Auction 4/30; Flags of America display on Memorial Day; Free movie nights in July; Carnival in September. Fred Drewes is working on a farm machine display – seeking donations and volunteers. Will be planting 20 more trees along the Avenue of America to add to 30 already donated.
- J. Member questioned who is in charge of Adopt a Highway enforcement. Depends on the road – CR83 and Canal Road should be handled by Town Waste Management Department. Councilwoman Bonner's office will follow up if called.
- K. Community Gardens planned for Heritage Park. \$25 per 4x8 foot plot. Contact Walter Becker, Mount Sinai Garden club at 631 331 0689.
- L. Tax assessment workshop to be held on Monday 3/28/11 and 4/25/11 at the Rose Caracappa Senior Center. Sponsored by Councilwoman Jane Bonner's office. Call 631 451 6964 or email councilwomanbonner@brookhaven.org for information.
- M. Great Brookhaven Cleanup to be held on 4/16/11 – call 451 TOWN for information.

Adjournment: 9:07pm

Respectfully submitted,
Ann Becker, Corresponding Secretary