

MOUNT SINAI CIVIC ASSOCIATION GENERAL MEETING March 5, 2012

Board Members Present: Ann Becker

Call to order & Pledge: 8:05pm

I. President's Report:

Welcome
Other board members are absent due to conflicts
Explanation of tonight's agenda

II. Recording Secretary's Report: Ann Becker

Minutes of 4/2/2012 approved.

III. Treasurer's Report: Ann Becker

Account balances read by Ann

IV. Corresponding Secretary's Report: Ann Becker

Letters:

- A. Letter responding to support to resolve issues at the "sober home" on Canal Road.
- B. TD Bank asked for historical photos of the local area, including Mount Sinai.
- C. Letter asking about project at corner of Crystal Brook Hollow and 25a. (a Hess station)
- D. Other miscellaneous letters and notices.

V. Presentations:

- A. Presentation of a donation from the Civic to the Heritage Trust for irrigation improvements of the community gardens.



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- B. Tom Carbone, president of the Heritage Trust spoke. Overview of several activities and fund raisers the Trust will sponsor for the community during 2012.
- C. Presentation of a donation to Fred Drewes of the Heritage Trust for purposes of plantings.

VI. Old Business: Ann Becker

- A. Soundview Properties development on Rt 25: No news. The zoning is approved by the town. Attempting to get an update from the developer for a future meeting on all related topics.
- B. "Sober Home" update. Ann's letter (which was picked up by local newspapers) generated interest by the DA into this case, as well as sober homes in general. DA's office is investigating this particular case to assess overall situation.

VIII. New Business:

- A. Developer of Amsterdam care facilities (a non-profit group) is interested on building a 225 congregant care center with nursing home facility next the Ranches on land that is zoned for the use. The Civic and CW Jane Bonner's office attended a meeting with the developer; a 30 day review is underway.
Any project on the land is subject to legal stipulations and zoning. The Civic has strong input to any project on that land due to stipulation. The original plan (part of a legal agreement with Town of Brookhaven) was for a commercial operator that would pay a tax base. Amsterdam is a non-profit and would not have to pay taxes.
What does the membership want relative to taxes or PILOT on this property? Members present desire tax payment by any entity occupying this spot.
Concerns about prospect of 3 stories (this is the current zoning in order to preserve open space).
Member suggestion: Consider discussing the project with the Mount Sinai School Board relative to the tax impact (or lack thereof).
- B. Resident concern - neighbor concerned about drug activity in house next to his property. How to get assistance to monitor and prevent criminal activities at that property? Call SCPD COPE, and/or CW Jane Bonner's office.
- C. Reminder from a resident - school board meeting for the budget on March 14. Encourage all to attend.

Adjournment: 9:04pm

Respectfully submitted,
Ann Becker, President