

Mount Sinai Civic Association Monthly Meeting Minutes

September 13, 2021 at 8:00pm

WELCOME BACK

Board Members Present: Ann Becker, Monica Stone, Maureen Bond, Jennifer Roth, Steve Koepper

Minutes: Read minutes from November 2, 2020

Treasurers Report: August, 2021

Total: \$7719.53

Checking: 3922.01

Savings: 3797.52

Membership Report: 132 Members

Welcome to our new board member Steve Koepper as Corresponding Secretary

Guest Speaker - Tim Sini, Suffolk County District Attorney

Overview: He is the predecessor of the past Police Commissioner who was arrested. He has reformed technology, public safety, drug problems, gangs and human trafficking. The county is fearing better.

Current Issues:

Drug Epidemic - New treatment programs and outreach some funds are from criminals. New prosecute programs, Death By Dealer to treat overdoses as a homicide, 25 to life for a serious dealer. A special Narcotics Bureau, more surveillance and wire taps.

Gang Violence - MS13, eradication strategy, take down in 2013. New York program is by MS13 leadership, more work to do, but has come very far.

Shootings - Uptick in shootings

Human Trafficking - Need to revise awareness. people who have problems are targeted to sell sex.

Environmental Crime - We cherish all our spaces, need water aquifers.

Hazard materials are dumped on residential properties. Need tougher laws and give jail time.

Corruption- Political problems in SCDA under the previous administration. Public Integrity Bureau formed to prosecute whoever is involved and to correct past injustices.

Quality of Life Issues - Local police department have low number of cases, mainly criminal mischief. There is a multi disciplinary team of Social Services, Police Dept., etc. Email his office if we have a problem with homelessness.

Cannibus - New York State Concerned with roadway safety, how to detect levels, need machine. New techniques to search cars are used. It is a gateway drug and is more strong today then ever. Concerned for the children of public exposure.

Q&A:

Where is money being used from Opioid Settlement?

County Executive and Legislators are to determine how to use the money, part will go to programs to fight addiction.

How have changes to bail reform fight crime?

Legislators passed law that is enforced. Albany this it's a bad policy, crimes are no longer bail eligible. Need to add history of crimes by individuals. Need laws to better protect safety.

What is the update on Gilgo Beach investigation?

The assessment of the department at that time was not good, due to poor leadership. FBI was brought back for DNA and cell phone evidence to be analyzed. Collaborating with other departments and agencies.

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Paper County Road 111 to be accepted by Suffolk County as preservation, can not be sold Fatal accidents on Rt. 25A warrant a traffic study by Brookhaven Town
May a hearing was held at Brookhaven Town about The Vineyards
Sound Capital - Mt.Sinai Meadows looking for tax relief from IDA

New Business

October 4 - The developer of Mt. Sinai Meadows will be at the civic meeting to discuss just the apartments.
The civic is looking for an explanation of Millennial Housing and its' marketing. We have met the new owners and they have helped resolve the homeless encampment on the parcel. Civic is concerned that they do not want to pay full taxes and opposes. No abatements should be accepted for this particular parcel. Civic asked that they **not** go to the IDA (Independent Development Agency), but they did. They need to inherit the agreement from the previous owner. They are looking for Sales Tax and Mortgage Tax relief in several million dollars. They are not informing us of their plans as they said they would, so we have trust issues. Originally the developing was to be all at once, they now want to split the project for development, apartments first, then a medical center, then retail.

Discussion from members: The development will grant more tax dollars then if vacant. The developer already has given a lot of concessions. They went directly to IDA after COVID that changed their situation. Their will be a \$800,000 community benefit. Rents are too expensive for millennials, families with children may reside instead. PDD pay less taxes.

Valero- revise their plans and covenants

Manor Court - 7 out 8 house have sold

Sutton Landing - has CO's (Certificate of Occupancy) for units 11 & 12

Pondview Estates - currently building

Sarah Anker is on task force for settlements

Canal & Rt. 83 - Guard rails to be installed

Protective Left Arrow requested to be added to traffic light on Canal Rd. And Mt. Sinai-Coram Rd., cross street Rt. 83, however, it is not warranted by county

Calendar

September 18 Cedar Beach Clean Up

October 1-3 Heritage Trust Carnival

October 2 Rose Carracappa Recycling Event

October 4 Next Mt. Sinai Civic Meeting

Adjournment accepted by Janet Braun and Lisa Pfeffer

