

Kiamensi Civic Association Meeting

February 21, 2024

Marshallton Steak House

7:04 PM - Meeting called to order by Bernadette Powell

Pledge recited.

Community Officer: Cpl. Will Dejesus

- Crime mapping tool available on NCC website.
 - No trends seen developing
 - Service calls include:
 - Shots fired reported (was fireworks)
 - Burglary in process
 - Death investigation (natural causes)
- Overall, resources are down 20% - be sure to call and report, resources are too limited to be proactive
- Call 911 when situation is happening NOW; Call nonemergency when the event is over or suspect is gone
- There are some vehicle locks available if needed
- Block Watch Program:
 - 45-60 minute training
 - De-escalation training
 - Active shooter training
- Barking dog complaints have been moved back to Animal Control
- Open discussion regarding parking on development streets

Representative Kim Williams Update:

- Not in attendance

Senator Spiros Mantzavinos Update:

- Gave update on Kim Williams: now co-chair of Budget Hearings
 - Back in session on March 5 - State of the State
- Resident had emailed regarding curbs and sidewalk repairs after water main replacement. Sen. Spiros will address
- Resident had emailed regarding park lights - will address
- Troop 6 has been demoed and the construction schedule is 12-15 months for the new building
 - Spiros to advise who Architect/Engineer is
- Unsanctioned car rallies are top priority
- Wilmington-Kirkwood Hwy Corridor Overhaul
 - Access roads and rezoning could happen
 - Will be from Wilmington/Elsmere to Rt. 72
 - Bill to discuss later in meeting

- Residents asked about painting curbs near stop signs at several locations, including Fenwick/Diamond and in front of the crosswalk to the park
- Concern raised over bus stops on Stanton Rd.
- Concern raised over downed cables on Stanton Rd @ Henlopen, it is hanging off pole near bus stop
- Can we do another speed check on Stanton Rd when there is no construction hindering the study?

Council member Brandon Toole Update:

- Code violations: 17 reported, 3 remain open
- Reassessments:
 - 1st Mailers being sent in May to advise and make sure are accurate
 - 2nd Mailers will have new assessed value
 - Approximatley $\frac{1}{3}$ will have increases, $\frac{1}{3}$ will have decrease and $\frac{1}{3}$ will remain the same
- General discussion occurred over upcoming school referendums in conjunction with possible tax increases
- Sewer bills:
 - Vendor mailed out but held up in post office
 - Due dates extended until March 22
- Sign Updates:
 - Christina working on message board in Powell Ford Park
 - Bernadette and Christina have a call with DeIDOT on Friday
 - Will work with on design of community sign
- He is a member of the Citizen Police Academy and gave information on program.
- New Castle County is hiring
- Residents voiced concern over graffiti in Calf Run Park on playground equipment
- Fire Service Study is being done to determine how fire departments being are funded

Secretary Update:

- October 2023 Meeting minutes were approved: Bill Dunn approved and Jeff McKinstry seconded
- Website updates:
 - Website platform consolidated from 2 separate sites (blog and main site) into one
 - Site redesigned - be sure to continue to submit any suggestions
 - Dues flyers being worked on and will be distributed soon

Treasurer Report:

- Mike was not available for this meeting - will update when available
- No update on Trustee review at this time
- Issues with bank account transfer from previous treasurer regarding signers on account, Bernadette and Mike are working to resolve

Social Chair

- Christina not available for meeting
- Easter Egg Hunt will be on 3/23 in Calf Run Park at 11:00
 - Stephanie Boulden and Kelly Wyszynski will be managing this year

- Need donations and volunteers
- Possible park clean up on 3/2 or 3/9
- Yard Sale to be April 27 (holding in conjunction with Glen Berne Estates)
- Movie nights in lieu of block party this year - possibly beginning earlier in the afternoon
- Possible Beef & Beer in January / February - need to look into venues

Snow Management

- Sand Barrels: Oct/Nov drop off and April/May pick up
- 1st come 1st serve from county
- Resident permission is needed in order to place in noncommunity areas
- Possible locations:
 - Sherman / Downing
 - Fenwick Hill
 - Maxwellton / Binstead
 - Jeff to sign waiver
- Reminder that Dues flyers will be going out soon
 - will be putting together statistics on dues payments
 - will need volunteers to hand out

General Discussion

- Bill Dunn discussed the Transportation Improvement District (TID) and history of development implementation.
- Rt. 7/4 overhaul is approximately 5 years away
- He is really pushing for road through Delaware Park to connect and relieve traffic on Rts 7/4
- More information is available at www.wilmapco.org/kirkwood

Motion to dismiss was made at 9:02 pm.

*Next Meeting May 15, 2024
Location: Tentatively Marshallton Steak House*