

Kiamensi Civic Association Meeting

February 26, 2025

Marshallton Steak House

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

Senator Spiros Mantzavinis Update:

- New Governor Matt Meyer took office and cabinet confirmed
- New Lt. Governor Kyle Evans Gay took office
- Special Elections took place to backfill seats from Sarah McBride (District 1) & Kyle Evans Gay (District 5)
 - Dan Cruce won District 1
 - Ray Seigfried won District 5
- Current committees:
 - Banking, Business, Insurance & Technology (Chair)
 - Capital Improvement (Member)
 - Environment, Energy & Transportation (Member)
 - Rules & Ethics (Member)
 - Veterans Affairs (Vice Chair)
- Gave Update for Kim Williams (was in Budget meeting at time of update)
 - Currently DHSS with \$1.7T is 2nd largest budget behind Dept of Education
 - These budget include a lot of pass through funds to different state nonprofits
 - A lot of uncertainty in upcoming funding due to federal policy changes
- Troop 6 is progress with an anticipated spring opening (sometime between March - June)
 - Will get info on State of Troop event that will be happening soon
- Kirkwood Hwy/WILMPACO
 - Elsmere/Wilmington border to Newark
 - To include feeder roads, including McKennen Church & Old Capital as well as 141/Kirkwood interchange
 - Final recommendations to be given at next meeting - may include overpasses at Limestone/Kirkwood
 - Check Spiros social media for updates
- Eldercare update:
 - Caucus on aging and eldercare issues to look at services available for elders and caretakers
 - Caucus held at Bear Library on 2/27 at noon - will be recorded and recording posted
 - Legislation passed for annual inspections of facilities
- Sidewalks:
 - Walked development with DeIDOT representatives to look at damage
 - DeIDOT had list of when permits were issued vs when actual work done, will be using this data to continue to get repairs moving forward
- Stanton Road Speeding:
 - Speed study showed the following

Date	Average Speed	85% percentile
April 2021	35.8	42
December 2022	32.4	37.6
September 2023	33	37.4

- o Maybe eligible for pilot program speed camera under bill that will be passed soon
 - Must be in residential area - with driveways connected to roadway
- o Looking into possible enhanced enforcement

Representative Kim Williams Update:

- Kim to get update on I295 reopening project
- Signs:
 - o Kim to touch base with Bernadette regarding where in DelDOT process
 - o See blog post for new sign design on www.kiamensicivic.com
- Delmarva update:
 - o Legislation is being introduced to change the standard of rate increase to a “prudent” standard going forward
 - o Will include a cap on what can be included in increases
 - “Soft” costs such as marketing and lobbying will not be allowed
 - o Delmarva is part of a conglomerate of 13 states and DC under PJM - requesting to be more transparent with votes
 - o A lot of third party suppliers are offering lower rates but then double/triple rates after month or two (these are usually the door to door people)
 - o Bill that is circulating on social media regarding fine being passed to consumers was passed in 2012
 - o When reviewing majority of bills sent to them, were finding that increase was from colder months and longer billing cycles
 - o Delmarva changed the way bills were formatted for “transparency” and it created a lot of confusion by breaking out the delivery and usage fees. These fees have always been charged but were not separated.

Council member Brandon Toole Update:

- Liquor Store:
 - o No updates to plans or permits since 2023
- Rock Ave:
 - o 5 House plan submitted
 - o Engineer on Record is not in DE was plans were not done correctly and need to be resubmitted
- Walgreens Area:
 - o Car wash is being built with potential oil change business
 - o Plans to demolish Walgreens but not sure what will be in place as of yet (rumors of WaWa are unfounded as of now)
- Dead Trees: 2 dead trees on Grayling Ct & Bernadette neighbor
 - o Neighbor tree has been deemed dead and neighbor has appealed decision
- Reassessments:
 - o Should have received new appraisal
 - o Final values are listed on NCC Parcel Search
 - o Rolling assessment to be done every 5 years
 - o Tax rate has not been set yet for schools
 - o Finance Meeting to review form for final approval on 3/11/25
- Cpl. Will Dejesus is still “deployed” (to New Castle....)
 - o Community events defunct for time being
- Christina advised that we are looking for park permit to be approved still for egg hunt on 4/12
- Bernadette asked for guidance if the civic association goes defunct - what happens to residents?
 - o No budget for when this happens - residents would become responsible

Social Chair

- Beef & Beer:
 - Held on 2/1 and had 60 attendees/ticket sales
 - Net profit of \$1,400
 - Everyone enjoyed Marshallton Steakhouse, they were happy to host us
 - Reminder of how much work goes into planning event
 - Thanked Marshallton for donations
- Volunteering:
 - When snowstorms are predicted, have a list of residents who need shoveling as well as a list of volunteers - let Christina know if you want to be added to the list
 - Many senior residents also just enjoyed the visitation
- Easter Egg Hunt will be tentatively held on 4/12 at Powell Ford Park
 - Need volunteers to hide eggs
 - Need candy donations
 - Need prize donations
- Yard Sale to be April 26
- Spring Movie night TBD

Secretary Update:

- September 2024 meeting minutes were not available (left in office). Will email out to everyone in morning for approval via email
- Website updates:
 - Website has been updated - comments always welcome
 - Hosting and renewal will be coming up in next month

Treasurer Update:

- Balances:

Checking	\$ 8,088.25	<i>Increase of \$2019.24</i>
Savings	\$13,164.87	<i>Increase of \$9.62</i>
Total	\$21,253.12	

- Beef & Beer was a big contributor
- Dues flier not out yet so no dues being collected
- Franchise tax paid
- Website renewal payment from last year cashed
- Christmas donation to Mill Creek FD and event costs
- No snow plowing so no reimbursements to report from DeIDOT
- Trustee review is up to date with next review in April - to be done quarterly

President Update:

- Dues flyers to hopefully go out in March - will need volunteers to distribute
 - Will be recycling previous flyer
- Would like money to go back to community if not being used for snow plowing
- Reiterated sign updates and gave descriptions (can be seen on www.kiamensicivic.com)
- Discussed clean up of Calf Run Park
 - Asked Spiros about concrete - he will go back to conservation dept to check on

Motion to dismiss was made at 8:41 pm.

Next Meeting May 15, 2024

