

Kiamensi Civic Association Meeting

September 18, 2024

7:10 PM - Meeting called to order by Bernadette Powell

Senator Spiros Mantzavinos

- Troop 6 on schedule to open 25Q1
- Sidewalk issues:
 - Need to narrow down when work was done (2018?)
 - 3-year warranty
 - DelDOT is not involved due to utility work
- Speeding issues:
 - Still waiting on impact study
 - Residents said the speed hump is too low
 - Still looking into other traffic calming measures
 - Waiting on ordinance to pass for speed cameras (Milltown & McKennon to test enforcement)
- Calf Run Park:
 - Concrete structures in the creek
 - Spiros asked for coordinates to check into
- Fenwick paving:
 - This will be completed using funds from Community Improvement Fund from both Spiros and Kim Williams

General Discussion

- Resident stated that blue paint marked on sidewalks on Trinity and possibly Henlopen. Sending locations to find out what paint is for.
- Residents voiced concerns over distractions, revenue, and privacy
- Resident voiced concern over neighbors parking on sidewalk on Fenwick. Has not reported to code enforcement

Representative Kim Williams Update:

- Sign update:
 - Will be funded, waiting on DelDOT to reach back out regarding next steps
- Community updates:
 - Playground at Powell Ford Park has been installed
 - Kirkwood Hwy Acme is closing at end of November
 - Kirkwood Hwy Redevelopment meeting on October 8
- Legislation updates:
 - Sponsored 40 bills, 31 signed
 - We are the 1st state to address food allergies

UNAPPROVED

Councilman Brandon Toole

- Cpl. Will Dejesus is deployed until September 30
 - Cpl. Dollard is new contact but is on desk duty due to a broken foot
- There will be a public safety night at Banning Park
 - Pizza & water ice
 - State Police & local Representatives
- Crime updates:
 - General statistics
 - Assault is up 19% in last 2 years
 - Vehicle thefts are still targeting Hyundai and high end vehicles
 - Shootings/homicides are up: 4 since January
 - Kiamensi updates
 - Stolen bike
 - Several resident welfare checks
 - Loud music complaints
 - Suicide/mental health episode
 - Land use has 4 active and 14 closed reports
- Hiring arborist to determine health of trees in Powell Ford and dead trees
- Reassessment update:
 - Everyone should have gotten data mailer
 - Tyler Technologies (302) 395-3620
- Fire Department Feasibility Study:
 - Evaluated fire departments and how they spend funds
 - Fire departments struggling to get volunteers
 - Christiana FD has a \$4.5M Operating cost
 - \$2.1M to replace ladder truck
 - Looking into how able to start charging fire service tax

Secretary Update:

- May 2024 meeting minutes approved
- Website updates:
 - NCC property maintenance links and to report Delmarva street lights out

Treasurer Report:

- Katie Chandler stepped into position when Mike resigned
- Balances:
 - Checking: \$6,069
 - Savings: \$13,155
- Received snowplow reimbursement of \$862
- Franchise Tax is past due, to be paid \$234
- Signed event deposit

Social Chair

- Movie nights put on pause as we are trying to move them to Powell Ford Park
 - \$250 Special Events fee
- Upcoming events in 2025:
 - Trunk or Treat
 - Movie Nights
 - Food Truck (vendor permit fee of \$55)
 - Easter Egg Hunt
 - Public Safety for after Dark
- Fall yard sale is coming up – continue to share on social media
- Halloween decorating contest – see post on kiamensicivic.com
- Beef & Beer Fundraiser:
 - Marshallton Steakhouse on February 1, 2025
 - Need volunteers
 - Set up/Clean up
 - Basket donations
 - Dessert donations
 - Need an updated donation letter
 - Capacity to host 140 attendees

President Update

- Community signs to the entrance of development are being replaced
 - Cannot get resident at Fenwick to respond – possible rental property
- A lot of the sidewalks are cracking/falling apart after replacement

WILMAPCO Update

- Bill Dunn gave update on Kirkwood Hwy Advisory Board
- Updates to Kirkwood Hwy from Wilmington/Elsmere border to Newark
- Includes feeder roads onto Kirkwood Hwy such as Milltown Rd and Old Capital Trail
- See www.wilmapco.org for more information

Motion to dismiss was made at 8:33 pm.

Next Meeting TBD

