

Kiamensi Civic Association Meeting

May 15, 2024

Marshallton Steak House

7:00pm Meeting called to Order by Bernadette Powell

Pledge Recited

NCCPD Community Officer Update w/ Cpl. Will Dejesus

- Reassured attendees that KG is a relatively safe area. No trending criminal activity
 - Detailed call reports all minor
- Warned of regional increase in “distracted burglaries” where teams approach a home and while one distracts the homeowner/occupants the other enters through the rear or ask to enter home and use excuse to split up while one looks for valuables.
- Warned those with sliding entry doors that their locks are easily overcome. Recommended using available anti theft tools or a simple block of wood in the track to prevent unwanted entry.
- Discussed free service for Seniors called “Senior Role Call” that performs an automated and monitored daily wellness call to those registered. Interested individuals were directed to call for more information and to sign up.
- Announced upcoming NCCPD programs:
 - 29th CPA class (Citizens Polic Academy) a free educational 9 week opportunity (Meets weekly) sharing what its like to be a police officer including ride alongs, simulated traffic stops, and more
 - 9 month Youth Academy Program for those 13-17 held at New Castle Library in New Castle
 - Police And Paramedic Summer Overview Program for 13-17 year olds interested in a possible career as first responders

Council member Brandon Tool Update

- Shared that he had participated in the CPA and found the experience rewarding and insightful
- Discussed code enforcement regarding lawn maintenance. Call or report online
- Provided update on new Playground equipment for Powell Ford Park should be installed by fall of this year
- Awaiting an update regarding our request for the playground in Calph Run park to be power washed and better maintained
- A new “little library” was installed to replace the one that burned
- Reminded residents to report speeding issues. The report may not lead to catching speeders but tracks incidents so further measures can be taken to mitigate speeding
- Reported that the RR warning lights for rerouting have been successful after some initial issues were addressed.

Senator Spiros Mantzavinos Update

- Still awaiting new Speed Study on Kiamensi Rd Post Speed Bump Installation
 - Residents expressed frustration that little improvement was made by speed bumps.
 - Speed cam to improve situation was discussed as option to consider

- Progress report on the new DSP Police barracks/JP court/ Community Resource facility indicated completion late 2024
- DIW Sports update
- Legislative activity
 - Memory care facility staffing/oversight
 - Elder abuse protections
 - Proposal to Update inspection requirements of long term care facilities
- Pleased to learn that the dangling cable wire on Kaimensi had been attended to
- Responded to question regarding HB350 intended to create oversight of hospital costs by political appointees. Representatives from Health Care Providers and Senate staffers worked to amend the bill to satisfy concerns.

Representative Kim Williams

- Limestone Road Upgrades will require redirecting traffic on Churchmans Rd area
- Working on plans to update/upgrade neighborhood signage maintaining uniform look and appeal
- Discussed progress on the equitable redistribution of Fire Tax funds which will include zip code as a distribution parameter
- New Bill in the works to prevent Civil Asset seizure, a dated tool of the date that allows seizure of vehicles and even cash without due process
- New law passed addressing last years discovery of Ammunition theft and resale holding Cabella accountable for the oversight of ammunition.
- New law Improved handling of speeding laws moving disputes from JP to Common Pleas Court

Regional Civic Association Update- Bill Dunn

- Discussed Wilmapco updates on Kirkwood hwy redesign and development including safety and open space concerns.
- Previous obstacles to the creation of connector road from Kirkwood to Ogletown -Stanton Rd via Delaware Park have been removed as Track/Casino has changed hands
- A workshop will be held on June 10 at Mill Creek Firehall regarding Road and Transportation upgrades to gather community input.

Previous meetings minutes were read and approved.

Old Business

- Signage for the neighborhood is in need of repair.
 - **Fenwick has no current sign and most appropriate location will require owner's consent at corner- Jeff McKinstry agreed to open discussion by approaching occupants, to open the door for consent/approval**
- Earlier complaints of parking on the sidewalk
 - Plans to speak with owner have not been carried out.
- Artesian's substandard concrete repairs

Thanks to resident who walked the neighborhood and provided list of properties impacted. It was noted upon review of the information gathered that 215 Trinity's sidewalk damage had not been noted. The info to be updated and forwarded to representatives for presentation to Artesian for remediation.

New Business

- Discussion of Upcoming Yard Sales Dates TBD
- County Parks and Rec will provide Gloves and bags for Park Cleanup efforts.
- New KCA neighborhood signage directing residents to the website was discussed with positive comments
- Social activities including Movie Nights this summer were discussed with dates and title to be determined.
- Looking into Beef and Beer as a social/fundraising event. All details TBD
- Upcoming Dues Drive Flyer in development and request for volunteers to help with distribution.
- Suggestion to consider higher return accounts for savings.

Treasurers report

- Checking \$6452.51 Increased by 19.24 Dues/donations No payments
- Savings \$13146.38 increased 4.35 interest

Motion to Close at 830(est) Seconded -unanimously approved