

Spring Glen Civic Association Meeting
Wednesday, June 2, 2010

Agenda

Election of new officers

- The following slate was presented:
 - President – Elaine Dove
 - Vice President – Marsha Walsh
 - Recording Secretary – Mary Glynn
 - Corresponding Secretary – John Morrison
 - Treasurer – Megan Giaquinto

- Motion to nominate was proposed by Brian Webster and seconded by Nancy Beals. Association members voiced comments. Motion to close nominations was proposed by Brian Webster and seconded by Nancy Beals

Committee Reports

- Treasurer Report – Nancy Beals provided report. Motion to accept Treasurer's report was proposed by John Sancomb and seconded by Denise LaFambroise

- Membership – John Sancomb provided report

- Legal Advisory – Josh Milrad our legal counsel was not present. No updates.

- Publications/Communications – Danielle Daley provides web support for the SGCA web site. Helen Blitzer offered to help with newspaper publications.

- Planning and Zoning – Elaine Dove noted that Christine Esposito and Pat Heslin helped out with P&Z issues.

- Aesthetics/Beautification – Elaine Dove noted Janet Coughlin's gardening work in the neighborhood.

Old Business

- Waite Street Bridge – Denise LaFambroise provided update. Mayor Scott Jackson worked with the Waite Street working group and submitted a proposal for federal funding to make the area more pedestrian friendly and to fix the bridge.

- New Zoning Regulations – New zoning regulations were passed. Elaine Dove discussed a judicial appeal filed by Matt Corcoran in March. Matt provided details and members voiced comments.

New Business

- Village District Consultant – Francis Albis, an architect in the area was selected as the Village District Consultant. Questions were answered by Elaine Dove and John Morrison concerning his role and the Village District Overlay.
- New Traffic Lights – Elaine Dove explained how she and others worked with the town to relocate some of the lights to make the area safer. The town was helpful in the process.
- Traffic Calming – Laura Freebairn-Smith provided an update on the online traffic calming study. The response was significant. Several comments were made by the group. Enforcement was the number one issue.
 - Denise Lafambroise made a motion to have an executive summary report committee to summarize the traffic study report in a one page format based on the four main groups of streets identified in previous meetings.
 - Association members voiced comments.
 - The motion was seconded by Avi Kumrat.
- Motion was accepted to move Skiff Street closing ahead of Spring Glen School Playground.
- Bill Horwitz discussed plans to close Skiff Street for a two week period in order to build an underground tunnel for the Farmington Canal. The Canal budget had extra funds and would cover the costs of the tunnel. It would be too costly to keep Skiff Street open and it would lower the costs if they could close Skiff. The project should take two weeks in October or November and they are working on possible detour plans. Dixwell is the preferred detour. Connelly Parkway is a possible second detour option, however, they hope to propose Dixwell only.
 - Association members voiced comments concerning safety concerns with the tunnel. There were concerns about traffic using Spring Glen as detour option during the Skiff Street closing.
 - Motion was made by Avi Kumrat to request temporary speed humps on affected streets in Spring Glen during Skiff Street closing. Marsha Walsh seconded motion.
- Spring Glen School Playground – Avi Kumrat and Amanda Levitt presented the playground renovations. David Hennigan proposed a motion to donate one thousand dollars for the playground renovation. John Sancomb seconded the motion. Members voted (9 No and 16 yes) and voiced comments.

Meeting Adjourned at 9:22.