

# **MINUTES**

## **THE ASPEN HILL CIVIC ASSOCIATION, INC.**

### **General Membership Meeting**

**26 October 2016**

#### **CALL TO ORDER:**

The meeting was called to order by President Jamison Adcock at 7:34 P.M. at the Aspen Hill Library.

#### **CALL OF THE ROLL:**

**Present** at the meeting were board members: Jamison Adcock, Marna Cary, Robert Clarke, Steve Cohen, Sheila Convery, Gail Cooper, Sharon Dean, Judy Fink, Sol Levy, Jiri Malek, JoAnna Nasios, Sam Nasios, Carol Petzold, Walter Petzold, Monica Reyes-Dame, Melissa Ryan, Michael Salay, Rena Samuel, Carla Steinborn,, and Judy Tankersley.

**Absent** from the meeting were board members: KC Chronopoulos, Joan Cohen, Susan Eisendrath, Suzy Levy, Linda NeCastro-Pastel, Roselia Rodriguez, Jane Salzano, and Kris Vaitkus.

#### **APPROVAL OF MINUTES:**

The minutes of the 28 September 2016 meeting were approved.

#### **PRESIDENT'S INTRODUCTION:**

President Jamison Adcock welcomed everyone to the meeting. He explained that the main goal of our organization was to increase citizen participation in the betterment of the Aspen Hill community. We work for those things that benefit the community positively and against those things that would negatively impact the community. As a new policy the Association will publicly recognize those who do good things for the community. He then went on to present the agenda for the evening.

#### **TREASURER'S REPORT:**

For Treasurer Steven Cohen's financial report for 1 September through 30 September 2016 and his year report, please see the last page. He reminded members that the membership year ends on 30 September and that dues for the

next year will be \$12.00 per member. Lastly he indicated that the next two Board meetings would take place November 16 and December 14 at the Berman Hebrew Academy because the library will be closing for "refreshing" [low cost renovation].

**MEMBERSHIP REPORT:**

Sheila Convery reported that membership currently stands at 52 members.

### **RECOGNITION OF WHEATON WOODS POOL:**

Pierre Auroux and members of the pool were presented with a certificate of appreciation for their community clean-up activities. They were roundly applauded by all present.

### **DEPARTMENT OF ENVIRONMENTAL PROTECTION:**

Christy Ciaramentaro of the Green Streets and Rain Scapes program announced that there would be a community meeting 7:00 pm December 8th at Parkland Middle School to provide information/updates on the two ongoing programs at Manor Woods and Wheaton Woods in the Aspen Hill community . She also indicated that printed information was available at the back of the room for those who wished it. She finished by complementing the Wheaton Woods pool members who participated in the community clean up efforts.

### **MONTGOMERY COUNTY PUBLIC SCHOOLS:**

Seth Adams, Director, Division of Construction, provided an update on the current projects in the Aspen Hill area. He said that Montgomery County has the largest school system in the state with some 159,000 students, with an increase of 2,800 this year alone. Trying to keep up with this growth is a challenge.

He indicated that the Wheaton Woods Elementary School project was underway for a complete rebuild with a projected opening in the summer of 2017. It is a 120,000 square foot project with a proposed enrollment of 740 students, one of the largest in the county.

The Lucy Barnsley Elementary School proposed addition of 20,000 square feet is expected to start soon. Under consideration is the movement of the student body to North Lake holding school to minimize disruption to the school operation and allow for a one year build time. School Board action on this will take place in December.

He also mentioned that Earl B. Wood Middle School was currently undergoing a feasibility study for improvements.

On a question about the former English Manor Elementary School, he said that current renovations were taking place to house the county Infant and Toddlers Office at that location. They should be finished by the end of November.

In a response to a question about the Edison School, he said its construction was under way with a projected opening the summer of 2019. It will house Career Technology and Junior Achievement programs.

He was also questioned about the proposed Crabbs Branch school bus depot relocation. His response was that it currently in the hands of the Department of General Services and it will be their responsibility to recommend possible site locations.

On a question about the future of the Blair Ewing Center he replied that it is to be relocated to the former Rock Terrace site once that program is moved to Tilden Middle School.

Lastly, he was questioned about the order in which schools are renovated. He answered by saying that the order is determined by need and budget. The most overcrowded are taken first, as many as the budget will allow.

#### **MONTGOMERY COUNTY OFFICE OF CONSUMER PROTECTION:**

Eric Freedman, Director of the Office of Consumer Protection spoke about the role of his office as an agency to help any Montgomery County resident with any and almost all consumer complaints. He said it is a vibrant office that has been in existence for 46 years. It has a diverse staff from lawyers to certified master auto technicians to resolve issues and protect consumers. He said it is easy to initiate a complaint either by calling 240-777-3636 [a human will answer and take the information], by visiting the office or by filing an online complaint:

[[https://www.montgomerycountymd.gov/ocp/consumer/filing\\_complaints.html](https://www.montgomerycountymd.gov/ocp/consumer/filing_complaints.html)].

He said the best reference to find reliable goods and services is *Washington Consumer's Checkbook Magazine* [<https://www.checkbook.org/>].

He finished by saying that air duct cleaning was useless and advised against using such a service.

#### **MONTGOMERY COUNTY POLICE DEPARTMENT:**

Lt. Michael Hartnett, Deputy Commander of the 4th District, spoke about the current scams especially directed at senior citizens. Unlicensed "Wood Chucks" from Virginia and West Virginia are approaching at risk home owners to sell

firewood, trim trees, do home repairs etc. at exorbitant prices for shoddy efforts. He mentioned he was currently working with a older lady in the Arcola area who was taken for \$80,000. Lt. Hartnett encouraged those present to look out for their neighbors and to report any suspected individuals by calling 301-279-8000. He pointed out that anyone offering tree, construction or home improvement services must be licensed. For any questions he may be contacted at [michael.hartnett@montgomerycounty.gov](mailto:michael.hartnett@montgomerycounty.gov)

**MARYLAND DISTRICT 19 REPRESENTATIVES:**

State Senator Roger Manno began his talk by announcing that former long term Senator Leonard H. Teitelbaum passed away this morning. His services are to take place Friday 28 October.

Senator Manno then went on to summarize his efforts in the Maryland Senate while serving on the Budget Committee including the removal of coal from a grant for the purveyors of clean energy and a bill to give veterans preference for hiring in the private sector.

Delegate Ben Cramer spoke next about his efforts, especially those benefiting senior citizens and instituting the most strict anti-drunk driving laws in the U.S.

Lastly Ira Ungar, Chief of Staff for Delegate Bonnie L. Cullison, spoke about her efforts on the Health and Human Services Committee regarding care providers, the developmentally disability fund and an end of life option.

#### **NEW BOARD OF DIRECTORS SELECTION:**

The following members were named to the new Board of Directors for the 2016-2017 year: Jamison Adcock, Joan Beerweiler, Marna Carey, Steven Cohen, Sheila Convery, Sharon Dean, Judy Fink, Sol Levy, Suzy Levy, Jiri Malek, Joanna Nasios, Sam Nasios, Linda NeCastro-Pastel, Carol Petzold, Walter Petzold, Mary Reeves, Monica Reyes-Dame, Melissa Ryan, Michael Salay, Jane Salzano, Rena Samuel, Carla Steinborn, and Judy Tankersley.

#### **OLD BUSINESS:**

None.

#### **NEW BUSINESS:**

None

#### **ANNOUNCEMENTS:**

Melissa Ryan requested help staffing booths at polling places to pass out information to aid in recruiting members for the civic association.

#### **ADJOURNMENT**

The meeting was adjourned at 9:40 p.m.

Respectfully Submitted,  
Robert Clarke  
Recording Secretary

**ASPEN HILL CIVIC ASSOCIATION,  
Inc.**

**TREASURER'S REPORT  
September 1 - September 30, 2016**

Submitted by  
**Steven  
Cohen**

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Steven Cohen  
Treasurer

**Checking Account - Suntrust xxxx6769**

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|---|--------------------------|
| <b>Balance as of September 1, 2016</b>            | \$4,123.22               |
| <b>Income: September 1 - September 30, 2016</b>   | \$0.00                   |
| <b>Expenses: September 1 - September 30, 2016</b> | \$0.00                   |
| <b>Balance as of September 30, 2016</b>           | <b><u>\$4,123.22</u></b> |

**Petty Cash**

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|---|-----------------------|
| <b>Balance as of September 1, 2016</b>            | \$47.34               |
| <b>Income: September 1 - September 30, 2016</b>   | \$0.00                |
| <b>Expenses: September 1 - September 30, 2016</b> | \$0.00                |
| <b>Balance as of September 30, 2016</b>           | <b><u>\$47.34</u></b> |

**Total Available as of September 30,  
2016** **\$4,170.56**



**ASPEN HILL CIVIC ASSOCIATION, Inc.**  
**TREASURER'S REPORT (Annual Summary)**  
**October 1, 2015 - September 30, 2016**

**Checking Account - Suntrust xxxx6769**

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| <b>Balance as of October 1, 2015</b>           | <b>\$4,054.76</b>     |            |
| Income: October 1, 2015 - September 30, 2016   |                       | \$1,041.44 |
| Expenses: October 1, 2015 – September 30, 2016 |                       | (\$972.98) |
| <br><b>Balance as of September 30, 2016</b>    | <br><b>\$4,123.22</b> |            |

**Petty Cash**

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| <b>Balance as of October 1, 2015</b>           | <b>\$55.34</b>     |          |
| Income: October 1, 2015 - September 30, 2016   |                    | \$0.00   |
| Expenses: October 1, 2015 – September 30, 2016 |                    | (\$8.00) |
| <br><b>Balance as of September 30, 2016</b>    | <br><b>\$47.34</b> |          |

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| <b>TOTAL FUNDS AVAILABLE</b> | <b>\$4,170.56</b> |
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**Submitted by**  
**Steven Cohen**  
Treasurer

