

Next meeting
Wednesday
March 18, 2009
at *A Piece of Ireland*

Scottfield Civic Association Meeting Minutes

Wednesday, February 18, 7:30 p.m., Gauger School

www.scottfield.org, sca@scottfield.org

P.O. Box 7500, Newark, DE 19714

Attendees: 11 Scottfield residents, and John Collins representing Senator Bethany Hall-Long.

1. Old Business

- a. **Treasurer's Report:** Account balance \$9,857.02. Full report available online.
- b. Membership drive reached 44.44% participation
 - i. 256 members
- c. Development paid unincorporated taxes due by March
- d. New development sign designs sponsored by Bill Oberly
 - i. Installation sites have been surveyed and staked; expected completion within 4 months
- e. Listening Campaign, www.nccde.org
 - i. Due to budget crisis NCC is evaluating services for reduction. Public opinion is being sought to help determine which services have lower value to residents.
 - ii. District 11, Kirk school, January 26, 6-8pm
 1. Excerpt from the announcement from the CFO for New Castle County:
"After meeting with budget staff this week to review November revenue activity, I have again lowered the FY 2009 revenue estimates for the current fiscal year. General Fund revenues are now projected to be \$16.3 million below the original revenue estimate for the fiscal year of \$159.4 million. This represents a 10.2% revenue loss. RTT is now down close to 50% through November. RTT is now estimated at \$18.6 million for the year or \$13.3 below original budget estimate of \$31.9. The current year general budget shortfall is now estimated to be \$32 million. The original approved budget started with a shortfall of \$17 million. We now have an 18.8% budget shortfall."
 - iii. See our website for the County's Powerpoint presentation with statistics about our district.

2. New Business

- a. **Easter Egg Hunt**
 - i. April 4, rain date April 11
 - ii. Free for members, \$5 per family for non-members
 - iii. Hann Park
 1. 12:30 community park clean-up, 1:00 games begin, 2:00 egg hunt
 2. Shoprite will lend Easter Bunny costume
 3. Team: Sandy McVey, 738-6185, Sheri McNally, Boy Scout Troop 56, Ariel Mutter, Chris Boody, Martha & Michael Taylor, Machel Magaha, and *anyone else who would like to participate.*
 4. Budget set for \$300, Dave Tackett agreed to underwrite a portion through a grant if possible
- b. **Yard Sales**
 - i. Discussion raised about timing of yard sales
 1. Should they be the 2nd Fri-Sat in May and October as in past years
 2. Should they be matched to Gauger MOP ale days in September and April. The spring sale is scheduled for March 28th from 8:30-12:00
 - ii. Vote of attendees chose option one.

- c. Landscaping Bids
 - i. Bids to maintain the three entrances will be accepted through March.
 - ii. Maintenance year runs April-March
 - iii. Interested parties can mail or email bid to the board.
- d. Nominations begin in March.
 - i. The VP seat is vacant
 - ii. Anyone can nominate/self-nominate for any of the positions listed in the "Contacts" portion of the SCAN
- e. No parking on sidewalks
 - i. Tickets will be written for vehicles not parked completely on the street or in a driveway
 - ii. Tickets will NOT be written for vehicles parked on the apron portion of the driveway that intersects with the sidewalk.
- f. Snow plowing
 - i. Suggestion to have plower salt/spot salt slick areas in the neighborhood as needed
 - ii. Salt is not allowed in residential areas due to potential liability if vehicles are too close when areas are being treated.
 - iii. Intersection sanding is a possibility, but would have to come completely from the neighborhood; no DelDot reimbursement.
 - iv. \$25/hr plus \$150 for sand. Option will be used with discretion.
 - v. Note about sand barrels that used to be left on the corners.
 - 1. Since the barrels were open to rain, the sand got wet and became frozen into a solid block and was useless for community use.
- g. Speed bumps
 - i. Scottfield is a pilot neighborhood for the new rubber speed bumps (near the new Auto Parts store)
 - ii. Please send comments about their effectiveness to the board so we can pass them along to the county.
- h. Neighborhood crime
 - i. Six home break-ins/attempted break-ins in the past 3 months.
 - 1. Most involve removal of a portion of wooden privacy fencing and forcing a patio door or rear window.
 - 2. Suspected perpetrators are a light-skinned black male accompanied by a white female with shoulder-length hair acting as a look-out.
 - ii. Please report suspicions with as much detail as possible to the NCC police.
 - 1. Emergency crime in progress: 911
 - 2. Non-emergency information line: 573-2800
- 3. County Communication**
 - a. A request was made to add a section to the minutes to ensure that dialog with the county is continued on open issues. This section of the minutes will become a permanent addition to our records to serve that purpose. Each item will note a resident with a vested interest if additional information is needed.
 - i. Continued ATV and dirt bike usage along the rear of Hann Park and into the corporate area behind the neighborhood. (Robert and Roberta Rossney)
 - ii. Different lighting styles and large trees along Postfield make the sidewalk very dark. At least 2 neighbors are concerned when walking dogs during early morning/dusk hours. (Chris Boody)
 - iii. Hann Park walking trail from recycled DelDot materials. (Sandy McVey)