

GREATER HOCKESSIN AREA DEVELOPMENT ASSOCIATION

September 16, 2002 Board Meeting

The September 16, 2002 Board Meeting of the GREATER HOCKESSIN AREA DEVELOPMENT ASSOCIATION (GHADA) was called to order at 7:35 PM by President Ken Murphy.

The following elected officials and guests were introduced: DE. Senator, Liane Sorenson; NCC Council President, Chris Coons; NCC Councilman, Rich Abbott; DE. Senate candidates, Mike Ramone and Charlie Copeland; NCC Council Candidate, Paul Clark; Wayne Merritt, NCC Executive office; Fritz Griesinger NCC Planning Board; and Marian Stewart, Civic League of NCC.

President Murphy thanked Senator Liane Sorenson and Councilman Rich Abbott for their generous service to the Hockessin community in the past.

President Murphy introduced the following guests for announcements to the Board:

Hockessin Fire Co. representative, Lou Ambili, announced the Fire Company has purchased the vacant Gulf Station property adjacent to their property and there are tentative plans for the property use-- beautify (shrubs and trees along the perimeter) and redo the parking lot.

Jim Gettis, representing Harvey Development Co., purchaser of the Shields property. The lumber shed portion of the property (approximately 6000 sq. ft.) will be renovated and marketed to a single tenant. No firm plans for the main building to date.

Larry Melvin, representing residents of Old Lancaster Pike, expressed safety concerns due to speeding along the 1 1/2 mile corridor. He requested GHADA's help in the concern.

Chris Coons, NCC Council President, briefed the Board on the Neighborhood Link website for Civic Associations. This is a free website service. A handout explaining the service was available to those present. He asked anyone with questions or concerns on any matter contact him at his council office--395-4010 and he will try to address the problem.

Marty Kirk, Office of Community Governing, announced a Seminar--Partnership between NCC and residential development Maintenance Corporations--to be held September 28th at Clayton Hall U of DE. 9:00AM to Noon.

Joe Lake, Hockessin Historical Society President, who updated the group on the Tweeds Tavern project, made a plea for saving the old Garrett Snuff Mills buildings in Yorklyn, which are scheduled for demolition.

PROGRAM

Pam Gouge introduced John Gaadt, NCC Land Use representative, who spoke on Conservation Design, how it is achieved in Land Use to better protect environmental resources and preserve significant open space. A question and answer period followed.

There being no further business before the Board, the meeting was adjourned at 9:15 PM. The next meeting will be Monday, October 21, 2002 at the Fire Hall. It will be a Candidates Night for candidates running for state and local offices. Questions for the candidates must be submitted in advance of the meeting, either to the GHADA Website or to the Hockessin Community News.

Sara Barre

Secretary

If you are unable to attend the monthly meeting, please call any GHADA officer, or send an alternate in your place.

January 21, 2002

GHADA Board Meeting Minutes

The Greater Hockessin Area Development Association January Board Meeting was called to order at 7:45 PM by President, Ken Murphy.

President Murphy introduced DE State Sen. Liane Sorenson and NCC Councilman Rich Abbott in attendance.

President Murphy recognized Milton Gaul, board member of the North Millcreek Association, and for the group's work on the proposed changes concerning septic systems. The meeting sponsored by North Millcreek Association was well attended and resulted in DNREC postponing any changes until more study can be done.

TREASURER'S REPORT: Shari DeVivo

The Treasurer presented copies of the budget for this year a second time; copies were distributed at the October general meeting.

The Treasurer's report for January was presented and a copy is attached to the Secretary's minutes.

MEMBERSHIP: Neil Greenstein

Neil is compiling a listing of a contact person for each of the 100 civic associations in the GHADA area.

YORKLYN FOCUS GROUP: Larry Bryce

Larry reported the activities of this focus group including working with the Red Clay Valley Assn., addressing the flooding in the Yorklyn area from the Red Clay Creek, tracing a timeline of Yorklyn history, holding a meeting in February or March to introduce the Focus Group to the Yorklyn area residents and recognizing Yorklyn as a National Historic district.

COMMUNITY SERVICES FOCUS GROUP: Eleanor Smith

Eleanor reported good attendance at the November 19, 2001 Summit. Fifty-three participants set up displays and 23 merchants in the area provided door prizes. WaWa and Acme Supermarket provided refreshments for attendees.

PROGRAM

President Murphy introduced Lee Ann Walling, senior advisor to Gov. Ruth Ann Minner, who presented the program on "Livable Delaware" A question and answer period followed.

UNFINISHED BUSINESS

President Murphy presented the booklet prepared by Alberto & Associates outlining the first stage of the project his group began in early Fall. Copies of the study booklet are available for checkout at the Hockessin Public Library.

NEW BUSINESS

President Murphy announced the planned development of the New Garden Town Center on Rt. 41 just across the DE. /PA line consisting of 475,000 sq. ft. commercial (10 stores), 85 single homes and 95 single homes (55+adults only) A public meeting on January 24, 7:00 PM at the Fire Station in Avondale, PA. will be open to those interested in learning more about the impact of this project on the Hockessin area. A traffic specialist is scheduled on the program.

NCC Councilman Rich Abbott reported he has organized a Signs Focus Group composed of 2 members from each of Hockessin, Pike Creek and Limestone/ Milltown civic associations to develop proposals which will restrict the kinds of signs that can be posted in the areas. Public support will be needed if changes in existing laws are necessary.

There being no further business before the Board, the meeting was adjourned at 9:10 PM.

The next meeting will be Monday, February 18, 2002 at the Hockessin Memorial Hall.

Sara Barre, Secretary GHADA