

# Gables Residents' Association (GRA) meeting

September 17 Minutes

## **Welcome/Call to Order:**

The Gables Residents' Association (GRA) meeting was called to order at 3:07 p.m. by President Janel Jones. Janel led the audience in observing a Moment of Silence for the hurricane victims. She also led the Pledge of Allegiance.

## **Minutes:**

Minutes of the June 25 meeting were distributed to members in attendance. Sharon Davis made a motion to accept the minutes. Mario Guzman seconded. The minutes were approved.

## **Treasurer's Report:**

Vice President David Bacon gave the treasurer's report on behalf of Treasurer Nancy Lynch. There is currently \$431.20 in the treasury. GRA membership is 49. George Smith made a motion to accept the treasurer's report. Beatrice O'Neill seconded. The treasurer's report was approved.

## **GRA Introductions:**

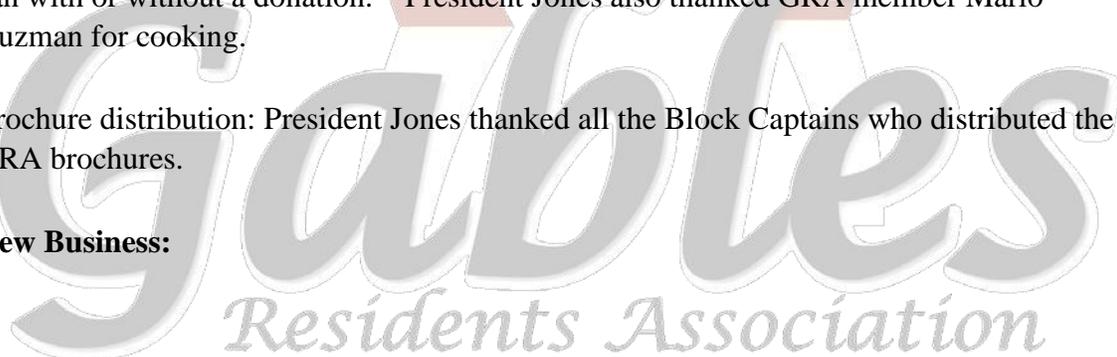
President Jones requested that everyone introduce themselves and where they reside. All did. Janel welcomed new GRA member Mr. Ron Lucas, 1005 Fordham Road. Mr. Lucas also volunteered to be a Block Captain.

## **Old Business:**

GRA cookout: Janel said that it was a fabulous and successful cookout on June 25. She expressed her appreciation to the GRA members for participating. Vice President David Bacon also thanked everyone for their support. Janel requested that the GRA vote for a \$50.00 donation to the church in expression of our gratitude for the excellent assistance from Vice President David Bacon in cooking the food. It was unanimously approved. Mr. Bacon expressed sincere thanks on behalf of the church and mentioned that the church, which he is a member of, is committed to serving the community in any way it can with or without a donation. President Jones also thanked GRA member Mario Guzman for cooking.

Brochure distribution: President Jones thanked all the Block Captains who distributed the GRA brochures.

## **New Business:**



- Janel requested that all GRA members see Nancy to pay their 2017 GRA dues.
- The floor was opened for nominations for GRA Secretary by President Jones. Hearing none, Janel informed the members that nominations will be sought again during the October meeting and that going forward her availability of time is lessening and she would surely appreciate someone to perform secretarial duties, even on an alternate basis. Janel thanked Vice President Bacon for continuously taking the minutes.
- Kathy DiDomenico-Bauer and Carol Singleton volunteered for the Preserve and Maintain Committee. They will inform the GRA about any unmaintained properties in the Gables. Kathy mentioned several Gables properties that have overgrown bushes and weeds, broken fences and green mildew on the siding. She volunteered to drive around and offer assistance in a friendly manner to those Gables neighbors who have unsightly properties and discuss the importance of property maintenance and its' impact on property values. She also suggested a "Clean Up" day for the Gables.
- GRA member Carol Singleton said that some residents may be elderly and assistance should be offered to them.
- GRA member Regina Wright suggested that Neptune Township Code Enforcement send out letters informing residents about property maintenance and Bulk Pick up and Trash dates. Also place a friendly reminder in the Coaster.
- GRA member Mary Farley mentioned that 505 Mayfair and 505 Wakefield still have property maintenance issues. There are deer that hide in the overgrown plants and weeds and make a mess.
- GRA member Mario Guzman mentioned that 505 Mayfair Lane has overgrown weeds and the residents are renters. He said he does not know who the owner is.
- President Jones mentioned that Heather Kepler of Neptune Township Code Enforcement is aware of these properties.
- Kathy DiDomenico-Bauer mentioned that there is littering (bottles, paper wrappers, etc.) on Stamford Drive, possibly by students.
- Fun/Fundraising Activities Committee: GRA member Cassandra Burden volunteered to assist. Peola Smith-Smith questioned the need for fundraising activities.
- President Jones responded that additional funds may be needed (in exclusion of GRA membership dues) for distribution of GRA brochures, fliers, etc. as well as participation in any FUN activities by the GRA, example, a Block Party.
- Kathy Dominico-Bauer suggested a "Meet and Greet" in the Gables Park.
- Monthly Birthday Greetings: GRA member Carol Singleton in August.
- President Jones informed the residents that Lieutenant Mike Zarro, our Liaison, will not be able to attend the meeting today due to a family event.

**Other Business:**

- Mario Guzman mentioned that there is speeding on Mayfair Lane and that a stop sign is needed on Surrey Lane.

- Carol Singleton said that there are two houses on Eton Way that are vacant and not maintained.
- Inquires were made regarding who is responsible for maintaining property on the right side of the street (Wakefield) as you enter the Gables.
- President Jones said that the hospital is responsible.
- GRA member Bob Hodges mentioned that a street light is needed on Chelsea Court.
- Cassandra Burden raised the question of hospital employees parking on Newgate Lane.
- Ron Lucas raised the question of how many houses have been sold to Hackensack Meridian Jersey Shore University Medical Center. Sharon Davis responded that 11 homes were bought/taken by the Hospital.
- Janel spoke of the letter she received from Hackensack Meridian Jersey Shore University Medical Center regarding the 5k run held in the Gables in September.
- Kathy Didomenico-Bauer suggested that a representative from Hackensack Meridian (Jersey Shore University Medical Center) come to speak regarding the Hope Tower Construction.
- Vice President David Bacon mentioned an incident in mid July where a driver of a car was taking pictures of garages on Harrow Court and Oxford Way. He reported it to the Neptune Township Police Department.

**Adjournment:**

George Smith made a motion to adjourn the meeting. Mario Guzman seconded . The motion was passed. The meeting was adjourned at 4:25 p.m. by President Janel Jones. The next GRA meeting will be Sunday, October 15, 2017 at 3:00 p.m.