

## Gables Residents' Association (GRA) meeting

January 15, 2017 Minutes

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

The Gables Residents' Association (GRA) meeting was called to order at 3:00 p.m. by President Janel Jones. She observed a moment of silence and led the Pledge of Allegiance.

### **Minutes:**

Minutes of the November 20th meeting were distributed to members in attendance. Sharon Davis moved to accept the minutes and Randy Stolze seconded.

### **Treasurer's Report:**

Nancy Lynch reported there is currently \$492.20 and 54 members. Sharon Davis moved to accept the Treasurer's report and Lynn Stolze seconded.

### **Old Business:**

- Janel Jones requested that all GRA members who have not paid their 2017 dues please do so and receive their GRA membership card.

### **New Business:**

- Elections for GRA officers to serve for 2017-2019 were held. Sharon Davis nominated the following current slate of Officers: Janel Jones, President; David Bacon, Vice President; LaVonne Colasuonno, Secretary; Nancy Lynch, Treasurer. All members unanimously elected the nominated individuals.. LaVonne Colasuonno respectfully opposed the nomination for Secretary due to work and graduate school obligations. Janel requested that LaVonne fulfill her duties as Secretary for the next 30 days. Janel opened the floor to nominations for Secretary. Hearing there were none, President Jones informed members that there will be an election of Secretary at the February 19 meeting.
- January birthdays are as follows: Sharon Davis-January 7<sup>th</sup>; Ermon K. Jones, (beloved Father of President Janel Jones and past GRA Vice President)-January 16<sup>th</sup>, and Lian Powelette-January 17<sup>th</sup>
- George Smith informed everyone to visit [www.gablesra.org](http://www.gablesra.org) to see progress of the GRA website. There were no other committee reports given.
- Two new benches have been installed in the Gables Park. President Janel reported that Newgate Lane home owners have voiced concern about hospital employees loitering and smoking around the benches. Sharon Davis stated that people who work at the hospital are not seen loitering at the benches and that the benches do not face Newgate. Also the geese have made the middle of the park not

conducive to walking because of areas of their stool; therefore, placing the benches in the middle of the park would not be appropriate.

- President Jones informed the GRA members that the benches will remain where they are and we will see how it turns out.
- Lieutenant Michael Zarro of the Neptune Township Police Dept. welcomed for updates:
- Lieutenant Zarro informed the members that Newgate Lane is a public street so there is nothing that can be done about that. If parking is restricted on both sides, both homeowners and their guests will not have access to parking.
- The Neptune Township Police Department has now 80 officers. Jailors and new officers have been hired.
- Harrow Court is now experiencing plenty of traffic due to people avoiding new speed bumps.
- Lian Powlette mentioned that he had to call the police after speaking with a neighbor's guest who repeatedly blocked his driveway. He was encouraged to continue to call the Police Department if the problem persists.
- The Neptune Township has installed a new system called the Trunk system since scanners no longer function for Police Department radios.
- Car repairs are not permitted on the street, only the driveway.
- Mr. James Markey, Area Manager of Jersey Central Power and Lighting was welcomed as Guest Speaker. Mr. Markey spoke about electrical safety and gave the audience printed material regarding the subject.
- Township committeeman Robert Lane, Jr. gave brief updates on new businesses recently opened around Neptune.

### **Adjournment**

Kathy DiDomenico-Bauer motioned to close meeting. Vice President David Bacon seconded motion. Meeting was adjourned at 4:30 pm by President Janel Jones. The next GRA meeting will be at 3:00 pm on February 19, 2017.

Minutes submitted by: LaVonne Colasuonno, Secretary