

Glenmont Civic Association

Executive Board Meeting

January 22, 2009

Agenda

- I. Call to order
- II. Housekeeping items – membership
- III. The Glenmont Civic Association name and argument
- IV. Committee Appointees – Speaker for 10 February?
- V. Fliers delivered/discussion (Block Captains)
- VI. Open floor
- VII. Adjourn

Our next general membership meeting is Tuesday, February 10 2009 at 7:00pm

A. Mario Loiderman Middle School  
12701 Goodhill Road, Silver Spring, MD 20906

## Glenmont Civic Association (Special Executive Meeting)

**Meeting Date:** January 22, 2009

**Meeting Time:** Called to order by President, Kris Kumaroo at 1905

**Meeting Place:** 2614 Urbana Drive, Silver Spring, MD

**Chair/Facilitators:** Kris Kumaroo - President

**Attendees:** President Kris Kumaroo, 1<sup>st</sup> Vice President Kathy Bailey, Secretary Deborah Kumaroo, and Ron Jones, Treasurer, 2<sup>nd</sup> Vice President Jerry Booher present via teleconference.

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<p><b>Introductions and Welcome @ 1900</b> Kris Kumaroo</p>	<p>Thanked all members in attendance and expressed gratitude to everyone for sticking it out at our last meeting.</p>	<p>Minutes of every meeting will be documented and electronically disseminated as well as hard copy placed in the GCA archives.</p>
<p><b>New Business:</b></p> <p>1. Membership standings and Treasurer report</p> <p>2. Discussion on The Glenmont Civic Association name.</p>	<p>Kris updated the board on member's status. Membership increased by <b>21%</b> (now 92 members from 73 last meeting). Treasurer report - Account balance is at <b>\$393.64</b>. Two members have asked for additional literature/community information to disseminate to their neighbors. We are still receiving membership inquiries on a daily basis. Kris foresees membership to increase and surpass the 100 member mark.</p> <p>Kris opened the floor to the board members to share their thoughts/insight regarding the name.</p> <p><b>Kathy:</b> Discussed issues with Greg Baker (Montgomery Housing Partnership), both are concerned with the name of The Glenmont Civic Association and Glenmont Civic Association, Incorporated, similarities. She also spoke with Khalid from Montgomery PP &amp; Planning. According to parks and planning their concern was as long as both names are on list, both associations will receive information. Kathy spoke with Councilman Praisnor's office (Chief of Staff), was informed their office does not participate in these types of problems. Kathy's concerns are 1. The unity in the neighborhood and 2. The neighborhood's happiness and betterment.</p>	<p>Ron to maintain report. Deborah to maintain membership data base.</p> <p>Kris motioned to change the name to "<b>The Greater Glenmont Civic Association</b>". Seconded by Kathy, Ron, Deborah and Jerry Officially the name will be changed and documented in official memos, notes, etc.</p>

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	<p>Suggested potential names for new association are :</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>○ The Glenmont Neighborhood Civic Association</li> <li>○ The Greater Glenmont Civic Association</li> <li>○ The Glenmont Community Civic Association</li> <li>○ <b>The Greater Glenmont Neighborhood Civic Association</b></li> </ul> <p><b>Ronald:</b> Believes there should be differentiation in the names.  <b>Deborah:</b> Two opinions were mentioned: 1. We need to maintain the best for the community however, if the State of Maryland has granted/issued the name to Kris Kumaroo, then it should be legal and the board should not have to act upon legal/name changes. 2. Our first priority is to maintain the positive momentum with membership recruitment, cohesiveness and unity.  <b>Jerry:</b> Many hours have been put forth to energize and initiate the association. I agree with Kathy that we need to maintain the unity and cohesiveness amongst the neighbors.  <b>Kris:</b> Recapped the excitement of the cohesiveness within the neighborhood and pleased with the response from the community. Mr. McAteer’s initiative was to abort the Metro and other land management issues in the early 1990s. His association is now in default with the State of Maryland and is recruiting the Law Offices of Knopf &amp; Brown to represent him. Kris informed the board of a recent letter he received from the Law Offices of Knopf &amp; Brown (representing Mr. Michael McAteer) regarding the usage of the trade name “The Glenmont Civic Association”. Read the response letter to the board (see attached).  Opened the floor – General comments regarding changing the name of our current association.  Kathy questioned “how to reach out to Mr. McAteer after the name change to engage in dialogue.  Kris – stated will refrain from personal conversation with Mr. McAteer and is disappointed with the situation.  Kathy informed the board that she will eventually reach out to Mr. McAteer to extend the olive branch.</p> <p><b>Logistics to change the name include:</b></p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>○ Department of Taxation in Baltimore <b>\$75.00</b></li> <li>○ Need new Employee Identification Number (EIN)</li> <li>○ Internal Revenue Service to change the 501(3) status <b>\$300.00</b></li> <li>○ Adopt-A-Road signs will need to be changed.</li> </ul>	<p>Kris volunteered to complete the change of name with the State of Maryland.  Deborah will contact Keep Montgomery county beautiful.  Kris will change web site.</p>

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<p>3. Committee Appointees. Fliers delivered/discussion for neighborhood watch block captains.</p>	<p>Kris - Public Relations approach to disseminate the “name change” should be related to the amount and increase of growth within the association.  Ron – Concurs with Kris’s thought process with the name change and advertising as a positive public approach.  Jerry – Concurs with board, and does not feel as though the community will truly be concerned with name change.  Deborah – Suggests new name literature, cards, etc are ready and disseminated at the next general membership meeting.  Kathy – Will donate money but need to confirm on fee changes with the Department of Taxation and IRS.  Ron – suggests using the treasury funds to pay for appropriate changes.  Kathy – concurs using the treasury funds to pay and/or paying in advance.</p> <p>Kris explained the two new chair positions</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>○ Environmental chair</li> <li>○ Special events chair</li> </ul> <p>Kris suggested Jerry be the point of contact for the special projects. In addition, dissemination of the neighborhood watches recruiting for block captains.</p> <p>Need to clarify boundaries so we can commit to neighborhood watch and submit to Officer Hyadit. Kathy will complete boundaries.</p> <p>Discussion on board member responsibility for membership and special programs.  Kathy will take on programs for the meetings (schedules, guest speakers, etc).  Jerry will take on projects for committee activities.  Kathy suggested adding a new committee – the membership committee to be added to the bylaws.</p>	<p>Kris motioned to deduct funds from the treasury to pay for re-application. Seconded by Kathy, Jerry, Ron and Deborah. Kris will re-apply and conform to 501(3) with the IRS.</p> <p>Name change issue/concern will now be put to rest.</p> <p>Kris motioned to vote Special events chair– Nicole Huntington All voted “yeah”.  Kris motioned to vote Eric Durland as the Environmental committee chair with a unanimous vote by the board.  Kris will send welcome letters and cards with list of roles and responsibilities.  Kathy and Deborah will corroborate boundary information. Kris motioned to add membership committee to the bylaws with a unanimous vote.</p>

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<p>4. Speaker for next general membership meeting.</p> <p>6. Open floor</p>	<p>Kris opened the floor to recruit suggestions for speakers for general membership meetings. Representatives from county and local representatives.</p> <p>Idea to change meeting venues – board agreed to maintain meetings at the A. Mario Loiderman middle school.</p> <p>Kris offered option for closing remarks/comments  Ron – Offered the Wheaton pool for the spring fling.  Kris summarized: Treasurer has authorized funds to be used from the bank account to change name to “The Greater Glenmont Civic Association”.</p>	<p>Kathy will locate a guest speaker for the next general membership meeting.</p> <p>Table the spring fling.</p>
<b>Meeting adjourned at 2045</b>	Reminder to everyone to continually check the Glenmont Civic Association website ( <a href="http://www.Glenmontcivic.org">www.Glenmontcivic.org</a> ) for updates and news.	
<p><b>Next Executive board meeting.</b></p> <p><b>Next open-public member meeting</b></p>	<p>Date TBD</p> <p>Tuesday, February 10<sup>th</sup> at 7:00pm @ the A. Mario Loiderman Middle school.</p>	

Respectfully submitted by Deborah A. Kumaroo, secretary, Glenmont Civic Association