

Glenmont Civic Association  
Meeting for December 5, 2008  
Agenda

I. Introduction & Welcome

- a. Kris Kumaroo, President of the Glenmont Civic Association

II. Request for 1<sup>st</sup> Vice President and Treasurer

- a. Brief description of elected official responsibility; will request nominations.

III. MCPD neighborhood watch training

- a. Sgt Helton from the MCPD, 4<sup>th</sup> precinct, to explain reason for continuation of neighborhood watch training (due to family death in community officer's family).

IV. Wrap and Q & A

- a. Open floor questions, concerns and answer session

V. Announce next meeting

VI. Adjournment

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**Meeting Date:** December 5, 2008

**Meeting Time:** Called to order by President, Kris Kumaroo at 1910

**Meeting Place:** A. Mario Loiederman School, classroom 206

**Chair/Facilitators:** Kris Kumaroo - President, Jerry Booher-2<sup>nd</sup> Vice President

**Attendees:** (14) President Kris Kumaroo, 1<sup>st</sup> Vice President Ronald Jones, 2<sup>nd</sup> Vice President Jerry Booher, Secretary Deborah Kumaroo, SGT. Dan Helton MCPD, Nicole Huntington, Virginia Carry, Sri Solat, Sabina Morales, Greg Baker (MHP), Suzanne Palmer, John Staines, Lynne Staines, Kathy Bailey

<b>Topic</b>	<b>Key Points of Discussion / Action (Decisions made/Person(s) Responsible)</b>	<b>Follow-up</b>
<b>Introductions and Welcome @ 1900</b> Kris Kumaroo	Introduced Jerry Booher, 2 <sup>nd</sup> Vice President, and Deborah Kumaroo, secretary for the Glenmont Civic Association. Thanked all members in attendance.	
<p><b>New Business:</b></p> <p>1. Purpose of the Glenmont Civic Association.</p> <p>2. Montgomery County Police Department, 4<sup>th</sup> precinct, neighborhood watch program.</p> <p>3. Specific concerns within the Glenmont neighborhood</p>	<p>President Kumaroo briefly discussed the most important reasons to have a civic association. A civic association provides cohesiveness, neighborhood improvements, and responsibility within the Glenmont area. Neighboring communities such as Bel Pre, Aspen Hill, Lahill area and Connecticut Avenue Estates have civic association and their Presidents are thrilled to see the Glenmont neighborhood collaborate and join the community associations. Request for two citizens to nominate themselves for 1<sup>st</sup> Vice President and Treasurer positions.</p> <p>Sgt. Dan Helton announced the neighborhood watch training will be postponed due to a death in Officer Hidayat's family. Expressed gratitude to everyone for their interest in neighborhood safety.</p> <p>President discussed the recent events within the Glenmont area (increase in home foreclosures, crime, loitering, drugs, gang activity, robberies and the recent stabbing. Reiterated the neighborhood has been stagnant in development and capital improvement, only upgrade has been the installation of the Metro system.</p>	<p>Minutes of every meeting will be documented and electronically disseminated as well as hard copy placed in the GCA archives.</p> <p>President Kumaroo will arrange training for next meeting.</p> <p>President Kumaroo requests the assistance of GCA members to initiate neighborly communications to pass this information and work together.</p>

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4. Future goals for the Glenmont area.	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>○ Adopt-A-Road program which creates visibility and community cohesiveness (slated for Randolph Road, segment between Lindel Rd. and Georgia Ave). This program requires periodic trash pickup throughout the year – easily coordinated event.</li> <li>○ Remove ALL Metro parkers from the neighborhood. Upon establishment of the Metro, “no parking” signs were installed sporadically throughout the Glenmont area, now outsiders use the neighborhood as a parking area. Violent confrontations have occurred. Propose “no parking” signs installed throughout the entire neighborhood.</li> <li>○ Neighborhood landscaping projects can be turned into beautified areas with county assistance. Suggestions include “welcome” signs.</li> <li>○ The Glenmont Shopping Center and the Georgia-Randolph intersection. The shopping center has been stagnant without upgrades for the past 30 years; it is unsafe and does not invite local revenue. The Georgia-Randolph intersection is the most congested in the country. There are plans to improve that intersection, however opposition groups intervened. As a community, we need to investigate County proposals and work with the County to alleviate increased traffic and congestion.</li> <li>○ The Glenmont area has been hit the hardest with foreclosures within Montgomery County. There are resources and partnerships for individuals or families in distress (info posted on web site as well). Tonight, we have Greg Baker from the Montgomery Housing Partnership. He is a wealth of information regarding foreclosure assistance and classes on housing improvements.</li> </ul>	Information, follow up and requests for assistance regarding these projects will be posted on the GCA website.
5. Open floor discussion from members to voice their concerns.	Concerns regarding the Glenmont area include: safety & loitering around the Metro areas, specifically for individuals to walk down Urbana Drive or Flack Street alone, safety around the greenery area near the Metro, trash not being picked up for excessive periods of time (dog food cans, etc), garbage cans not being maintained, Metro parkers throughout the neighborhood, crime and loitering around the Glenmont Shopping Center – unsafe for anyone after dark, rodents and lack of snow removal around Terrapin Street, lack of County communication(s), i.e. regarding the water main break and information pertaining to houses not having water pressure and safety of water, decreasing property values in and around the Glenmont area.	Suggestions and possible solutions include: “no standing/loitering signs” posted around the direct Metro area; refer to GCA website for county resources; Executive board will investigate options.

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<p>6. Introduced Greg Baker from the Montgomery Housing Partnership (non-profit organization).</p> <p>7. Recruitment for 1<sup>st</sup> Vice President and Treasurer.</p>	<p>Greg Baker was pleased to see the outcome of participants and the positive synergy to help with the association. Greg suggested the following for future meetings and projects: signage to guide members to meeting room and sign in sheet at all meetings. Assistance from the Montgomery Housing Partnership include: provide detailed poster board map to visualize Glenmont boundaries, goals and strategies report, assistance to prioritize community projects, i.e. the neighborhood watch, partnering with the Latino Economic Development Corporation (LEDC) which is another non-profit organization to assist with commercial and residential areas. Greg concluded by recommending talking to neighbors to solicit additional voice(s) and awareness within the community.</p> <p>Mr. Ronald Jones volunteered to be the 1<sup>st</sup> Vice President. Motion seconded by Ms. Nicole Huntington.</p>	<p>Greg Baker will attend future meetings and will assist in identifying projects with resources.</p> <p>Need the Treasurer position to be filled. Once all positions are filled, an Executive board meeting will be held to initiate outreach projects and visibility.</p>
<p><b>Meeting adjourned at 2030</b></p>	<p>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>	
<p><b>Next Meeting</b></p>	<p>Thursday, January 8, at 6:30pm @ A. Mario Loiederman School 12701 Goodhill Road, Silver Spring, MD 20906 Classroom TBA.</p>	

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