

Glenmont Civic Association

Meeting for January 8, 2009

Agenda

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**Meeting Date:** January 8, 2009

**Meeting Time:** Called to order by President, Kris Kumaroo at 1919

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

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

**Attendees:** Executive Board members - President Kris Kumaroo, 1<sup>st</sup> Vice President Ronald Jones, 2<sup>nd</sup> Vice President Jerry Booher, Secretary Deborah Kumaroo, Special Guest – Officer Hydait, MCPD. See attached general membership attendance sheet.

<b>Topic</b>	<b>Key Points of Discussion / Action (Decisions made/Person(s) Responsible)</b>	<b>Follow-up</b>
<b>Introductions and Welcome @ 1920</b> Kris Kumaroo	Thanked all members in attendance.	Minutes of every meeting will be documented and electronically disseminated as well as hard copy placed in the GCA archives.
<b>New Business:</b>  1. Update on membership and Association initiatives.	Membership continues to grow. An additional membership drive will be coordinated – date(s) TBD. <ul style="list-style-type: none"><li>○ The Executive Board last meeting minutes are posted on the website. Summary of items addressed:</li><li>○ Honorary members</li><li>○ Adopt-A-Road program</li><li>○ Spring Fest</li><li>○ Montgomery County project list (metro garage/ladder 18 firehouse/Georgia Ave &amp; Randolph Ave. interchange)</li><li>○ Neighborhood improvements</li></ul>	

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<p>2. Montgomery County Police Department, 4<sup>th</sup> precinct, neighborhood watch program.</p>	<p>Officer Hidayat presented specifics of the Neighborhood watch and provided details pertaining to responsibilities, advantages and roles of the members within the community. Key points:</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>○ Crime prevention -key is to prevent crimes and/or victims.</li> <li>○ MCDP is more proactive than reactive.</li> <li>○ CDR Nancy Demming (district Commander) very concerned about levels of community crimes.</li> <li>○ Gang Coordinators – Bruce Beardsley &amp; Troy Tippert</li> <li>○ Graffiti Hotline – (301) 607-4722</li> <li>○ Key point – let the police determine the severity of the crime; advised members to not hesitate to contact the police (i.e. doors that remain open on houses for prolonged period of time; individuals who look “unfamiliar” to the neighborhood; individuals who are “flipping” handles – it is illegal and they are looking for items to steal.</li> <li>○ Street lights – report light outages (tags on the poles if possible).</li> <li>○ Educational literature/handouts are available at the 4<sup>th</sup> precinct.</li> <li>○ Traffic Officer, Officer Stephen DeCarlo, (240) 773-5500</li> <li>○ Website for additional crime information: <ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>● <a href="http://www.crimereport">www.crimereport</a> (the crimes are reported how the call came in, NOT how it was dispositioned).</li> </ul> </li> </ul> <p>Beginning a Neighborhood Watch Program:</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>○ Assign block captains (report suspicious vehicles, people or activity)</li> <li>○ Organize walks (community walks)</li> <li>○ Street captains will meet w/ Officer Hidayat to discuss strategies and patrol procedures. Recommend meeting quarterly. Block captain will attend the meetings, disseminate information to the street and assign/rotate “walk” schedules.</li> <li>○ Advantages of Neighborhood Watch – signs are posted throughout the neighborhood; money available from the State (\$3k); walk the streets with the police to identify abandoned houses or cars; training available for members.</li> <li>○ Will need a list of points of contacts for street captains; community roster then the signs will be posted.</li> </ul> <p>Additional programs within neighborhoods:</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>○ Yellow card campaign – walk the streets with to identify vehicles with noticeable “high value” items in their car. A yellow card is provided to the owner of the vehicle to provide identifiable information.</li> <li>○ Blue care campaign – Identify garages, ladders alongside houses, open windows, multiple newspapers, and high</li> </ul>	

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<p>5. Open floor discussion from members to voice their concerns.</p>	<p>grass. A blue card is provided to the owner with identifiable information.</p> <p>Items of concern from the members (regarding crime/awareness):</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>○ Communication – how do we address the non-computer, electronic members? Maybe a phone tree.</li> <li>○ Foreclosures – How to prevent foreclosures? Possible educational classes.</li> <li>○ Initiate a system similar to the “Alert DC” – the message is sent to Blackberries, cell phones, emails.</li> <li>○ Need an inventory of foreclosed houses in the neighborhood</li> <li>○ Parking continues to be a problem – should be five feet from the skirt of the driveway.</li> </ul> <p>Misc. items of concern from the members.</p> <p>Lights – need additional lighting throughout the neighborhood</p> <p>Boundaries – members are requesting an outline of our boundaries (Kathy informed group she is actively working on that project)</p> <p>Nicole Huntington provided brief summary of upcoming neighborhood spring fest.</p> <p>Eric Durland – suggested future environmental cleanup projects. First Adopt-A-Road clean up is TBD.</p> <p>Member requested a bi-lingual newsletter</p> <p>Greg Baker – would contact solid waste services to provide a guest speaker at one of our meetings (to address larger bulk trash items – mattress, etc).</p>	
<p><b>Meeting adjourned at 2045</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, February 10, at 7:00pm @ A. Mario Loiederman School 12701 Goodhill Road, Silver Spring, MD 20906 Classroom TBA.</p>	

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