

## **Gables Residents' Association (GRA) meeting**

February 21, 2016 Minutes

The Gables Residents' Association (GRA) meeting was called to order at 3:05 pm by Janel Jones, President. She observed a moment of silence during which she mentioned Supreme Court Justice Antonin Scalia. She also led the Pledge of Allegiance.

Minutes of January 17, 2016 meeting were distributed to GRA members. (Vice President Jones moved to accept and Mike Fornino seconded).

Nancy Lynch reported that there is currently \$430.20 and 35 members. (Sharon Davis moved to accept the treasurer's report and Mario Guzman seconded).

### **New Business**

- New block captains are Roxanne Brown-Odejobi for Walnut St and Kathy Bauer for Stamford Dr.
- George Smith, Newsletter committee, informed us that the GRA website has been updated.
- President Jones:
- Plans are underway for the GRA Membership Recruitment Dinner, 4/17/16
- Stop signs on Mayfair/Chadwell/Stamford corners.
- Nancy Lynch informed us about the passing of Shirley Harrison, the crossing guard for the Gables elementary school.

Mayor Kevin McMillan, Guest Speaker:

- Updates given regarding taxes, pensions and township issues as well as upcoming events and workshops; encouraged residents to attend township meetings.
- Barry Johnson thanked the Mayor for the Neptune Newsletter and School Scene newspaper.
- Roxanne Brown-Odejobi commended law enforcement for providing safety due to speeding buses on Walnut Street. Requested Children at Play and Autistic Child signs be placed.
- Mike Fornino asked why no one from the township committee sits in on negotiations for township workers.
- Sharon Davis requested that a bench be placed in Gables park.
- Vice President Ermon Jones questioned the responsibility the township committee has over the fire commissioners. He also made inquiries concerning the selection of individuals vying for vacancies created by the resignation of current members of the Neptune Township Committee.

- Neptune Township Sergeant Michael Zarro:
  - The speed meter from Wakefield Road may be moved to Walnut Street.
  - A request made to JCPL for an additional street light on Surrey Lane.
  - Sergeant mentioned he will try to obtain the “Autistic Child” sign for Walnut Street.
  - Permanent speed bumps will be placed on Oxford.
  - Residents are permitted to have one parked commercial vehicle which must fit within the dimensions of the township ordinance.
  - Sharon Davis voiced concern regarding school buses passing around other stopped school buses.
  - Mike Fornino reported huge pot holes on Neptune Boulevard near Shoprite.
- Kathy Bauer thanked President Janel Jones for her emails and excellent communication stating, “It’s been a long time since we’ve had someone on top of everything like you”.
- Vice President Ermon Jones commented about the Asbury Park Press article which featured him as an outstanding basketball player-scoring record, and the first black player on the starting five (1940-1942) at Neptune High School.

Mario Guzman motioned to close meeting. Mike Fornino seconded. Meeting was adjourned at 4:10pm by President Jones. The next GRA meeting will be at 3:00 pm on March 20, 2016.

LaVonne Colasuonno, Secretary



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