

Minutes of the Bryn-Rose Civic Association Meeting of September 22, 2011

The Bryn-Rose Civic Association met in the Radnor United Methodist Church, 930 Conestoga Road, Rosemont, Pennsylvania at 7:00 P.M. on the aforementioned date.

Present

Bob Adams, President; Peggy Gaskins, Treasurer; Lynn Ellis, Recording Secretary; and members. Our guests were as follows: Radnor Township Manager Bob Zienkowski, Police Superintendent Bill Colarulo, 5th Ward Commissioners John Nagle, 7th Ward Commissioner John Fisher, Sgt. George Smith, Sgt. Andy Block, Cpl. Kevin Gallagher, Garrett Hill Coalition reps Nancy Leinwand, Gina Bezdziecki, Patti Barker, Jerry O'Connor, Paul Overbeck, Philip Ahr and Rick Barker, Cabrini College rep Lil Burroughs, Eastern University rep Jim Magee, Villanova University reps Paul Pugh and Christopher Kovolski, Radnor United Methodist Church reps Pastor Jack Ross, Philip Manley and Carol McMenamain, Lower Merion Civic Association rep Paul V. McNabb and fellow residents.

Guest Speakers

Mr. Kovolski explained how Villanova University houses 4,400 of it's almost 6,400 students on campus and wish to build additional dormitories to supply on-campus housing for three of the four years students attend the University. He noted that the University's rules state that freshmen are not to have cars on campus and sophomores are required to keep their cars on campus. He was informed that the freshman are keeping their cars in the neighborhoods, since they are not allowed on campus. Cars are being shuffling around to various streets to avoid detection. Commissioner Fisher feels that if University rules are being broken the University should enforce their rules on not having cars. The Superintendent noted that when a disturbance call is received, the Police Officer should get a copy of the lease, the peoples' identification, names, and the license plate information off of the vehicles parked at the residence. A report will be made and the Township will check if there are too many unrelated people living in the rental. The limit is still two unrelated people. The University will be sent a copy of the report and they are requested to enforce their no cars on campus rules. Mr. Pugh said that Lower Merion and Radnor Police furnish him with the reports on students problems and the kids are called into his office. Last year seventy students were called into his office and there were no repeat offenders. The University gives the students moving off campus an informational packet.

Superintendent Colarulo noted that if a 911 call is received regarding alcohol incident or overdose, the caller will not be cited if they have also been drinking in order to encourage students to help a sick kid to get to the hospital rather than ignore the situation for fear of getting in trouble.

Peggy Gaskins explained the problems at Radcliffe House apartments and on Glenbrook Avenue with noise, trash piled between rental properties, furniture and trash left on front lawns when the students move out, and especially the parking problems. She had an array of photos of the problem areas which were reviewed by the Police Officers and College and University reps. Superintendent Colarulo said that rats have been reported at the County Line Road and Glenbrook Avenue rentals. Mrs. Gaskins noted that the Glenbrook Avenue Municipal Parking Lot is filled with vehicles when the schools are in session and students are parking in a private lot owned by a medical practice on that street. She felt that the landlords should be held responsible to get rid of the excess trash being left when the students move out and also for snow removal and raking the leaves. The landlords know the students are off on breaks at the time of the year when we get snow.

Sgt. Andy Block explained the permit parking process. Sgt. George Smith explained how the process is being reviewed to close any loop holes in the system. Also, being considered is to allow people with permits to park at Tunnell Park and to possibly extend permit parking at Macrone Park to help ease the situation.

Villanova University representatives were asked if the students are required to pay off their outstanding fines or citations in order to graduate. They said no. They were asked if the University provides transportation for their students. There is a shuttle bus to the Mall and to Haverford.

Frances Harper noted that on Garrett Avenue there are properties with two parking permits and four cars in the driveway, sometimes overhanging the sidewalk. Superintendent Colarulo advised us that 54 Garrett Avenue has been visited by the Police for disturbances. He and the Township Manager will be meeting with the forty landlords who rent to students

Superintendent Colarulo did advise attendees that Cabrini College, Villanova University and Eastern University all helped our Township staff and residents during Hurricane Irene when people had to leave their homes. Meals were also provided. Villanova University is having it's 6th Annual Day of Services with students working at eight sites in Radnor Township as well as Philadelphia and other locations. Commissioner Nagle told us that students are working on Clean and Green Incentives at Ithan Valley Park Arboretum this weekend and at the abandoned Baptist Cemetery on West Wayne Avenue. Peggy Gaskins noted that it is rough at times, but not all of the students are bad. The students come and go. The landlords stay the same.

Next Meeting

Our next meeting will be held on Thursday, October 27, 2011 at 7:00 p.m. All residents are welcome.

Respectfully submitted,

Lynn Ellis