



MEETING AGENDA AND MINUTES – 5/8/17

Meeting Information				
Start Time:	7:00 PM	Meeting Cadence	Facilitators:	Minutes Taker:
End Time:	8:00 PM	2 nd Mondays 65 Stuyvesant Plaza	Andre Butler Fiorella Kelley	Lyndia Hayden

Meeting Attendees			
Wendy Attipoe	Andre Butler	Lyndia Hayden	Nadia Mondesin
Jacqueline Brathwaite	Angela Chi	Belgrave Henderson	Hysa Moultrie
Jon Brathwaite	Axel Eberman	Fiorella Kelley	Marlene Wertheim
		Gerri Lorde	Stephanie Vasquez

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Discussion Topics	Discussion highlights
Incorporation/ Bank Account	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> ○ The Tax ID was obtained. ○ The bank account was opened with Chase. ○ By-laws and Resolutions were drafted. ○ Checks for membership fees were collected. An outreach will be done at the social event in June and by block captains for a membership drive. ○ Checks in the amount of \$25 per family can be sent to the following: Oakwood Heights Home Owners Association 16 Magnolia Avenue Mount Vernon, NY 10553 Attn: Fiorella Kelley, Treasurer
Esplanade Issues	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> ○ A few neighbors gathered with the Brathwaites on 4/22 to view the conditions in the area behind the homes on Esplanade, which shares a roadway with the backyard of homes on Magnolia. There is remaining debris from Hurricane Sandy and the road is in poor condition. The City does not consistently clear the snow and there have been safety and security concerns. ○ After the 4/22 meeting, Fiorella went to City Hall to discuss the area with the Mayor's office. A representative advised her that the City may be able to arrange for clean up, but the owners would be invoiced. ○ Fiorella and Axel attempted to visit the Magnolia owners to propose a neighborhood effort to assist in cleaning up the debris. Most of the neighbors were not home, so it was recommended that OHHA send a written letter to each neighbor to inform them of our willingness to help.



<p>Social Gatherings In June</p>	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> ○ The event will be held on June 4 from 5-8 pm. A majority vote preferred to have the gathering at Apricots & Honey. The cost is \$500 for \$50 people, which amounts to \$10 per person. An invite will be sent to collect the funds in advance. ○ A proposal was made to extend an invite to other neighborhood associations: Vernon Woods, Lorraine Terrace, Fleetwood, Chester Heights and Chester Hill. ○ The Sycamore Avenue Yard Sale has been postponed until the fall.
<p>Realtor Guest Speaker</p>	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> ○ Linda Sanchez from Four Seasons joined the meeting. <ul style="list-style-type: none"> ○ Mount Vernon resident for 42 years. ○ Realtor for 40 years. ○ Member of the Architectural Review Board. ○ Encouraged everyone to continue believing in the attributes of the City: beautiful and distinguished homes, 3 train stations, diversity, easy access to highways. ○ Discussed predator realtors who are not members of the community and are self-serving. Their agenda is to buy low and flip the properties. Owners can report them to the Dept of State, Division of Licensing. Sellers should be trusting Mount Vernon realtors who understand the area and believe in the value. ○ Discussed foreclosures, short sales and zombie homes in the area. ○ Reinforced that everyone has a voice in the future of the community and should join the movement to protest against PILOT programs that add to the population density and issues with the school systems. Suggested that OHHA send letters to City Council and the Mayor to voice our disapproval. ○ Emphasized that upcoming votes for School Board, City Council and Comptroller are crucial to getting Mount Vernon on track to its full potential.
<p>School Board Elections</p>	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> ○ Vote on May 16 ○ OHHA members were encouraged for vote for A. Torres, I. Williams & S. Russo. ○ Forums scheduled for this week: <ul style="list-style-type: none"> ○ 5/9 @7pm – Riverside Memorial Chapel, 21 W. Broad St. ○ 5/10 @ 6pm – Doles Center, 250 South 6th Avenue ○ 5/11 @ 7pm – Greater Centennial Church, 312 South 8th Avenue
<p>Next Meeting</p>	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> ○ Monday, June 12 @ 7

ACTION ITEMS

#	Action Items	Owner	Due By	Status
1	Set up invite for 6/4 event and perform outreach to neighborhood groups	Lyndia/ Jenny	5/12/17	