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MEETING AGENDA AND MINUTES – 8/9/20

| Meeting Information | | | |
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| Start Time: | 5:00 PM | | Facilitator(s): |
| End Time: | 6:15 PM | | Axel Ebermann |
| Minutes Taker: | | | |
| Lyndia Hayden | | | |
| Meeting Attendees | | | |
| Tom Andrika | Brett Delfino | Jorge Pina | Guest: Talbert Thomas (Chester Heights) |
| Wendy Attipoe Ball | Axel Ebermann | George Renwick | |
| John Brathwaite | Duneisha Griffiths | John Conrad Ste Marthe | |
| Andre Butler | Lyndia Hayden | Marlene Wertheim | |
| Angela Chi | Hazel Hunt | Steve Young | |
| Jane Curtis | Joyce Lin | | |
| Harry & Barbara Delany | Emily Lowe | Lisa | |
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| Topics | | Discussion highlights | |
| Environmental event at Willson's Woods Park | The Westchester Parks Foundations plans several interesting events. An email was sent previously about an event to remove invasive plants at Willson's Woods Park on March 12. | | |
| Charter Revision Commission | <p>OHHA Member Derrickson Lawrence initiated the Charter Revision Commission to review the documentation that governs the City of Mount Vernon. He discussed the below proposals that were recently approved for the 2020 Election ballot in November. These proposals will change the framework of how the City of Mount Vernon is governed, restore the credit rating, and set guidelines on how information is shared publicly. More information will be shared at a later date.</p> <ol style="list-style-type: none"> 1. Fiscal accountability 2. Financial accountability 3. Comprehensive Plan | | |
| Census 2020 | <p>The Census is taken every 10 years. It affects everything pertaining to Mount Vernon (i.e. representation, social support, schools, and infrastructure).</p> <p>Talbert Thomas is actively engaged in increasing awareness about the Census and the number of submissions. He discussed that the pandemic is significantly impacting the volunteer efforts that usually occur door-to-door. As of 8/6, the response rate is less than 51% (including Oakwood Heights). Separate communication will be sent asking the Block Captains to reach out to their neighbors.</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> • Every 365 people equals \$1 million per year • Mount Vernon population in 2010: 65,000 • Mount Vernon population in 2020: 100,000 <p><u>The deadline to complete the Census is 9/30/20 (formerly 10/31/20)! It only takes 10 minutes!</u></p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> • www.mycensus2020.gov or call 844-330-2020 | | |



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| <p>Tree Ordinance</p> | <p>Marlene Wertheim, Jane Curtin and Evelyn Feldman have been actively engaged in developing a Tree Ordinance, which includes enforcement (with penalties). Without a Tree Ordinance, the beautiful, established trees and green spaces will continue to be damaged at an alarming rate. For example, 4 large maple trees were moved to create 3 additional parking spaces at Apple Med on Gramatan Avenue and 25 cedar trees were cut down in Fleetwood to build a parking lot. If a Tree Ordinance existed, the community would have been included in the recent destruction at the Hutch on Lincoln Avenue.</p> <p>Unfortunately, communication has been ongoing with three (3) Mount Vernon Administrations since 2014 and nothing has passed! As a result, the community’s only form of communication is with DPW.</p> <p>Consultations were performed with cities to develop the document, which was presented to the City Council and Planning Board. It is uncertain when the vote will be announced. They are seeking support from the community at all levels to address the situation. OHHA will write a letter to the County and State.</p> |
| <p>Open Discussion</p> | <ul style="list-style-type: none"> • Jorge Pina is a new OHHA resident and has established a 5K Run/Walk club. The group meets on Sundays at 11am at 29 Merserau before heading to Van Cortlandt Park in the Bronx. Anyone who is interested can contact Jorge (347-884-3544 or metapoesia@aol.com). • Some neighbors are interested in hosting small events for block gatherings, practicing social distancing, in Sept/October. More information to follow, after discussion with the Block Captains. |