

SUITLAND CIVIC ASSOCIATION, INC.
Regular Meeting Minutes - Virtual Zoom
April 18, 2022

Meeting called to order at 7:00 P.M. by Presiding Officer Carol Jones

Invocation given by: Rev. Brenda Caldwell

Presiding Officer Carol Jones; welcomed members and thanked everyone for attending the meeting.

Roll Call of Executive Board Officers present: Presiding Officer / Treasurer, Carol Jones, Assistant Treasurer, Terri Miller, Recording Secretary Kenneth Waddell, Correspondence Secretary, Charlotte Williams, Financial Secretary, Judy Bowie-Robinson Trustee Monica Gaddy, Trustee Bryana Head, Trustee Brian Jacobs, and Membership Committee Chairperson, Mary Allen.

Participants: thirty (30)

Guest speaker, Prince George's County District 7, Councilman Rodney Streeter

Councilman Streeter stated that his attention has been on addressing the impact Covid-19 has caused on health and wealth issues for our citizens. Procurement has been going out of the times. The county is revising opportunity policy to set-aside opportunities for hiring and procurement opportunities to build generational wealth.

The county is looking to receive \$2.4 million from the federal government for Suitland Road. The Federal Center is on board to take down the iron fence as the area is built out and retail fully open up. A medical facility is going across from the Town Center near McDonalds. Cultural and art endeavors are coming to the community. The government has acquired funding to build a new Suitland High School. Construction to replace the old Drew Freeman -Middle School is well under way. In conjunction with the community, we have made these accomplishments together.

Prince George's County Public Schools utilizes a Public Private Partnership (P3) design, build, finance, and maintenance model for the new middle school, which has a \$8 million dollar backlog. Its not the most effective way to build schools; however, it is very important to have excellent opportunities at the schools.

Lastly – An emphasis has been placed on beautification of the gateways into the county. We have started to lay the foundation to invite people to our community. Market research has shown that the millennial generation are purchasing more homes in communities that don't require car ownership, close to the metro train, and a live in multi-family home where shopping is within walking distance.

Open for Questions:

Q. How will this affect our community? Ans: There is a great need for multi-family and town houses. Young folk don't want cars.

Q. Any updates on Iverson Mall? Ans: Macy's left a \$900,000.00 security deposit attached to the property. Investors are viewing the area and some are interested. Will have to get more information.

Concern - As for Medical Camps – Veterans preference was being considered as a concept to see if the community would be interested or be on board. Ans: Some research did fan out that there was a great need for veterans health care.

Q. Beside street sweepers, will there be any other ideas to help with trash? Ans: Pay is Low.

Q. Will there be more multi-family dwellings being built in our area? Ans: No, walkability and environmental concept is being looked at more.

Q. Any updates on what is going on with the abandon businesses on Naylor Road near the metro station? Ans: For these building; the Legend and Hotel, the owner are in negotiations and are looking to be purchased by the county.

Update By Laws – Terri Miller / Carol Jones:

By Laws Committee is working on revising the document with changes recommended and hope to have it before the body in 30 days.

Growing Green with Pride Clean UP 4/23 Karen

Prince George's County will host a Countywide community cleanup program entitled "Growing Green With Pride" on April 23, 2022. Suitland Civic Association (SCA) volunteers will meet in parking lot of Creature Suitland and work our way toward Iverson Mall from 9AM -11AM. Radio station Magic 95.9 will be at Creative Suitland parking lot as well. Challenge contest on most volunteers provided by a group. Snacks will be given out. SCA pickup group will be providing sticks to those volunteers who sign agreement.

Voter Registration Drive – Judy Bowie-Robinson:

There will be a voter registration drive at Suitland High School on April 23rd. Additional voter registration drives will be held at Giants Grocery and Creative Suitland. Exact dates and times will be made available at a later time.

Candidate Forum Update- Alice Holt:

Committee Chairperson, Alice Holt shared.

- 4- candidates for County Council agreed to participate
- 0 – School board
- Memo has been sent out to delegates for their participation

Clubhouse Update – Carol Jones:

Maryland Senator Melody Griffin, District twenty-five (2-5) delegates and other state and county officials hosted a recognition of local organizations and end of legislation wrap up meeting at Creative Suitland on April 16th. The Suitland CA was recognized as one of the organizations to receive a monetary grant totaling 1.2 million to replace our club house.

Open for Questions and /or Concerns:

Q. Will the funds be used to rebuild the SCA clubhouse? Ans: Yes

Meeting Adjourned: 08:09 PM

Kenneth Waddell
Recording Secretary