

RUMSEY ISLAND RESIDENTS ASSOCIATION MEETING MINUTES

RIRA June 20, 2019

The June meeting of RIRA was held on Thursday, June 20, 2019 at Portside North restaurant.

The meeting was called to order at 7:35 pm by Walt Smith, RIRA president.

The minutes from the last meeting are posted on the RIRA website. If there are any questions or concerns, you can respond on the website.

The treasurer's report was submitted by Sharon Pry. The previous balance was \$4,598.30. After credits and debits, the current balance is \$5,370.18.

Walt reminded everyone of the raft-up this Saturday, June 22 at Maxwell point.

The new date for the fall crab feast is Saturday, Oct 5 at Portside North restaurant from 1-4pm. The cost is \$35 pp. Walt reminded us that tickets must be purchased before that date. No tickets will be sold at the door.

The next RIRA meeting will be on Thursday, July 18, 2019.

Walt introduced our guest speaker, Harford County Council President. Patrick Vincenti. He addressed the group about some of the issues that are a concern to the community.

Water testing : Money has been allocated for water testing for all of Harford County, and the testing has already begun. To contact the council to ask questions, or to find results go to: www.HarfordCountyCouncil.com. Water testing will be done every 14 days. The results of the last test done were negative for unsafe levels of bacteria. You can also go to the Maryland Dept of the Environment to find results. It was suggested that the results on testing be made more easily accessible. Mr. Vincenti said that he would look into this. Joyce reminded us that the quality of the water in the Gunpowder State Park, which is in Baltimore County, affects our water also.

The revitalization and renovation of the Route 40 corridor is also a project in the budget. Several meetings attended by corporation representatives owning businesses along the Route 40 corridor have been held and well attended. Some projects have been proposed by businesses to encourage members of the communities to become involved.

Dion asked why Joppatowne High School has been allocated money for renovations, rather than to build a new school. Mr. Vincenti said that the Harford County School Board makes the decisions about which schools to replace. The middle school in Havre de Grace will be replaced, as it is older than the Joppatowne H.S.

Joyce asked Mr. Vincenti if he had seen the damage that has been done to Mariner Point Park, and if there are plans for repairs. Mr. Vincenti said that he had not seen it, but he would look into this.

Ron asked about the proposal to repave Shore Drive. Paperwork has been submitted. Mr. Vincenti said that he would investigate when this project is slated to happen.

Finally, it was asked what we could do as a community to help get projects done. Mr. Vincenti said that we should continue to invest in our community - an example being the litter patrol, organized by Ralph Comegna, to volunteer to clean up any trash along Shore Drive as it enters the community. We should also contact our councilman for our district, Mr. Johnson, with concerns and ideas.

Ralph went to the latest CAB meeting, where he learned that parts of the median strip along Route 40, are planted and maintained by the businesses close to those areas. He suggested that we get involved in this project close to the entrance to the community from Route 40.

It was brought up that the police patrols have increased in our area, especially along Towne Center Drive, where many people driving through this area exceed the speed limit. Please stay involved in calling if there are problems in this way. The safety of all is affected by this.

The meeting was adjourned at 8:45pm.

Submitted by **Judy Gonzalez** Secretary
Rumsey Island Residents Association

Treasurer's Report: April 18, 2019 - June 20, 2019

Beginning Balance	\$4,598.30
Dues Collected	\$488.70
50/50 - April	\$85.00
Donation from Parade Committee	\$1,000.00
Total Credits	\$1,573.70
Mulch around signs	\$53.00
Trees on Neptune	\$100.00
Pavillion Rental - May meeting	\$120.00
Food for March meeting	\$63.00
Supplies for Bridge Painting	\$465.82
Total Debits	\$801.82
Ending Balance	\$5,370.18