

# THE CORAM CIVIC ASSOCIATION

## General Meeting Minutes

June 22, 2015

The general meeting was called to order by President Erma Gluck at 7:49pm, followed by the Pledge of Allegiance and a moment of silence for our troops and the tragedy down South. Martin Bailey – Vice President, Carol Bedell – Membership Secretary, W. Paul Ziems – Treasurer, Kathrine Soscia – Corresponding Secretary and Bob Gluck - Sergeant-At-Arms were present.

### OFFICER'S REPORTS

President Erma Gluck welcomed everyone and thanked them for attending. Announcements shared included: BNL Summer Sundays, Cedar Beach Safe Summer Nights for teens, Heritage Park events and Operation Medicine Cabinet. Erma also read letters received from Sarah Anker regarding roadwork on 112 and from Grant Funeral home regarding a donation.

### MEMBERSHIP SECRETARY

Carol Bedell reports we have 132 paid members.

### PLANNING & LAND USE

None

### HIGHWAY REPORTS

None

### NEWSLETTER

None

### POLICE

Two officers from the 6<sup>th</sup> precinct, Wilson and McNally attended the meeting. Made arrests at Home Depot. Working to keep quality of life in Coram high.

### WEBSITE

None

### DAVIS HOUSE

None

### OLD BUSINESS

None

### NEW BUSINESS

Onur Saglam along with his mother attended the meeting. Onur was presented with a certificate and \$500 check as recipient of the 2015 Coram Civic Association Community Service Scholarship. Onur thanked the membership and spoke about himself and of his future plans including attending Cornell University.

**GUEST SPEAKER****County Executive Steve Bellone**

Bellone gave an interesting and encouraging update on his goals for the County. He is focused on the big picture with three main goals: government reform, water quality and economic development. In trying to make the county government smaller and more efficient, there are 1,100 fewer fulltime positions at the county. He has eliminated the county deficit he inherited and is working on the structural deficit. The county's surface waters are impaired. He has secured \$44 million to restore river corridors. The county has great assets but can't keep young people. Wants to create an Innovation Zone and deliver a high quality of life. Build upon and connect all our assets with a North/South rapid transit bus system; train stations on north side of MacArthur airport, and BNL; and hiking and biking trails will build upon and connect all our assets. Retrofit our region for today's demographics.

**OPEN FLOOR TO MEMBERSHIP**

Bellone took questions from the floor regarding the feasibility of his initiatives and the impacts on Coram and the older population.

**50/50 DRAWING**

50/50 was drawn by Steve Bellone. Winner, Barbara Rotino, took home \$18.00.

**Next meeting, Monday, July 27, 2015.**

Guests: Marianne Garvin – CDC and Allen Handelman – VP Conifer Realty.

**MOTION TO ADJOURN**

Bob Gluck made a motion to adjourn the meeting at 9:19pm. Seconded by Kathrine Soscia. Motion approved.

Respectfully Submitted

**Kathrine Soscia**

Corresponding Secretary