

**Property Owners' Association of Garden City Estates**  
**Meeting – January 19, 2010**  
**Minutes**

The meeting of the Property Owners' Association of Garden City Estates was held on January 19, 2010 at the Stratford School auditorium. Some forty-two persons attended the meeting. There were two separate meetings held: the Electors' Meeting, at which the Chair of the Nominating Committee, Manny Velez, announced that Brian Daughney of 59 Euston Road had been selected as a candidate for Trustee for a term of two years and Colleen Foley of 54 Kilburn Road has been selected as the School Board Trustee candidate for a term of three years. It was duly noted that there was no petitions filed to nominate any other candidate for these positions and the recommendation of the Nominating Committee was unanimously adopted. The election for Village Trustees and Mayor is held on March 16, 2010 and the School Board election will be held in May.

The meeting then turned to the general business meeting of the Property Owners' Association of Garden City Estates. Cathy Wood inquired as to an update from Next G. Mayor Rothschild said that the Village has not reached any agreement yet with Next G and has allowed Next G to do some testing. Next G is looking at alternative locations within the Village so as not to disrupt any private homeowner.

Mayor Rothschild also spoke about the parking permit situation at 520 Franklin Avenue. This is a very limited parking situation and it is unclear how this is going to be resolved.

Trustee Mauk then spoke on St. Paul's and discussed the recent article in the *New York Times* section last Sunday. Prior to making his comments on St. Paul's, Mayor Rothschild thanked Mr. Mauk for his many hours of work on the St. Paul's project and expressed his view that much of criticism directed at Trustee Mauk over the years had been misguided and unjustified. The Mayor publically thanked Mr. Mauk for his dedication to the Village. Mr. Mauk appreciated the support that he has received throughout the years and has indicated that the Village has now retained experts to draft an environmental impact statement. While everyone wants to see St. Paul's stand, the costs are substantial and there is no foreseeable known use in the future for St. Paul's. Attempts to raise money privately have been unsuccessful and it was estimated that it would take approximately \$10 million to \$20 million to restore the building but without St. Paul's being able to be put to any use.

The crossing guards will stay at the high school.

A report was then delivered by Randy Colahan, Chairman of the Library Committee. Leaks in the roof at the library are being fixed and an electronic checkout system of books has been implemented. Children and their parents can also use Facebook and it will possible to download e-books as of February 1, 2010. The library is also organizing book groups for anyone interested in serving as a leader.

Colleen Foley, the School Board Trustee, then spoke. She discussed the contract negotiations with the teachers, the budget and the construction. One element of construction is that new bleachers are to be put on the high school field after the 2010 football season.

Following the conclusion of the business meeting, Cyril Smith spoke on the history of the Garden City Estates. Mr. Smith had a slideshow presentation as well as numerous periodicals. Mr. Smith pointed out that the Estates section of Village, including the Stratford School, was once part of the nation largest airport during the years 1910 to 1912. Older maps show that airport hangars were on the site of Euston Road and that the airport boundaries were between Nassau Boulevard on the east and Tanners Pond Road on the west, bounded by Merillon Avenue on the north and Stewart Avenue on the south. Mr. Smith has a complete presentation that he will make to other property owners' groups as well. He is very interested in the history of Garden City and is an encyclopedia for knowledge about the Village's past.

The meeting adjourned at 9:30 p.m.

The next meeting of the Property Owners will be held in February 10, 2010

Respectfully submitted,

Michael J. Holland  
Secretary