

GENA Zoning Committee Meeting  
January 8, 2014

Zoning Committee Members Present:

Daniel Bartoli  
Toki Rehder  
John Longacre  
Gaetano Piccirilli  
Mark Leuzzi Jr.

GENA Executive Committee Members Present:

Paul Rossi

Community Members Present:

Steven Cobb (Councilman Kenyatta Johnson's office)  
Michael Fera

Community improvement:

Shunk Street:

- One way street on Shunk Street going into the shopping center. Purpose: to decrease traffic into the neighborhood surrounding the Park from the shopping center. Some residents have almost been hit by cars coming from the shopping center.
- After closure on trial basis, there will be hearing on bill and then will become permanent
- Need witnesses from community to testify on the bill
- Enforcement: police will write tickets to violators

Nuisance Businesses:

- Nuisance letters. A walk-around needs to be scheduled to identify violators, i.e. businesses with trash around their businesses, zoning violations.
- Trash at Save-A-Lot: this has been a continuing issue. L&I continues to write tickets. Fines are only \$100 each time, so has not been effective.
- Long term solution to trash problem - potential Business Improvement District for the entire retail district to the South of Girard Estates. Challenge - businesses would need to pay tax on top of property taxes. 51% need to vote to reject in order to defeat it.

Girard Park:

- Discussion of ways to create positive uses of Girard Park
- Possible Ultimo concession in the Park. Discussion of whether GENA will take lease and sublease to Ultimo. GENA needs to apply for non-profit status in order to do this. Discussion of appropriate lease amount.
- Farmers Market - petitions submitted late to Farm to City, back-up plan is Farmer's Market with Food Trust. John will check up on this.

Board business:

- Need to take applications to fill empty board seat. People can self-nominate. Paul will send email out to membership
- Finances: \$4182 in the bank after Christmas in the Park, paid for event in park and election. Will be applying for a grant next year for community events from Special Events Fund.
- Next steps to get 501(c)(3) status. Cost is \$700 and need to file Articles of Incorporation.
- Easter Egg Hunt - planned for Saturday, week before Easter