

August 15, 2008

President's Message:

Last night's meeting was well attended. Here are some of the topics discussed:

* July 15 Robbery of Mechanics Bank. A community member read a letter of appreciation for our General Manager/Chief of Police (GM/COP), Greg Harman. The letter praised Chief Harman's quick thinking, sound actions, and excellent leadership in dealing with the bank robbery. The robber has been arrested.

* Annex Remodeling Plans. The Board of Directors approved a motion directing our GM/COP to enter into a contract with Jason Kaldis Architect, Inc. Mr. Kaldis will be charged with developing a detailed work description and cost estimates for the repair and remodel of the Annex. The project will distinguish between two uses of the Annex: 1) bringing the annex up to code for use as a public meeting space, and 2) for use as a child care center. The District has set aside \$100,000 from its Park Building Improvement budget for this project.

* Strategic Planning and Teambuilding. The Board voted unanimously to contract with Charles Beesley of Special District Consulting for a board workshop to be held early in 2009.

* Post-Employment Health Benefits for our Police Officers. Director McLaughlin presented the finance committee's recommendations regarding the medical, dental, and vision benefits received by retirees, spouses, and surviving spouses of the Kensington Police Department. A recently prepared Actuarial Valuation demonstrates an unfunded liability of over \$2,000,000. To begin accounting for this liability, the District must budget an additional \$100,000 per year for the next 30 years. This commitment will necessitate an increase in District revenues.

There will be copies of the final Actuarial Valuation available to the public once it is finalized. Please check the website, the District office and the Library for all public documents with regard to your Police Protection and Community Services District.

Thank you for your continued interest in our community. Our next meeting will be Thursday, the 11th of September at 7:30 pm at the community center. Hope to see you there!

