

**Northern Henrico Civic Association (NHCA) Meeting  
Minutes  
January 9, 2018**

The meeting was called to order by Dr. Delta Bowers, President. Attendees were welcomed to the meeting and the New Year. Attendees then repeated the Pledge of Allegiance to the flag.

**APPROVAL OF MINUTES**

The minutes of the previous meeting, November 14, 2017, were reviewed and accepted as written. The motion was made by Bill Schmidt, seconded by Lisa Walker, and carried. Minutes were requested to be published earlier using the community website. It was agreed to by the secretaries. Efforts will be made to do so.

**NEW BUSINESS**

Questions: O'Reillys will begin construction in the Spring due to the need for county approvals.

Chamberlayne Farms Shopping Center has a new coffee shop. Community members were encouraged to support our local businesses. Shopping Center also has painted the outer façade and repaved the parking lot.

Stanley Homes received a vote of confidence as they move forward with their housing project.

The land at Ridge Road and Brook Road has plans for development.

Housing project is in the works for land at the end of Hilliard Road and Brook Road.

Water main breaks are a problem in the area due to the cold weather and the aging infrastructure. The Association plans to have conversations concerning this with the Department of Public Works.

Plans in the works to bury the power lines to cut down on outages. Questions were asked about requesting a timeline on when and where that would be done in the community.

Concerns about mail service being late, wrong mail, or no daily delivery.

Concerns about leaf pick up being made possible when needed instead of being a cost by request. It could be included in our tax payments and perhaps a more efficient use of time and equipment by covering a whole street instead of one house at a time.

Inquiry to be made about complete paving of Diane Lane.

Concern about the proposed walking trail in Khelr Field. Paving has been done but no trail developed.

Suggestion was made to install a pickleball court at the Field.

## **SECURITY**

Officer Gough discussed the panhandler concerns. She noted that the ordinance is under legal review by a 3<sup>rd</sup> party firm. Signs are up in the area of Brook and Parham Roads discouraging people from giving money to panhandlers. She noted that as long as they received money they will continue to be there. As long as the person stays on the median they are legal at this time. Some people are homeless, some may have mental health issues, some find it as a way to make money. The police check on their health, inform them of resources, and of the dangers. It was noted that there are no shelters in the county and that not everyone wants help.

Assistance is available from a number of groups namely:

No Left Turn, a non-profit group, who helps folks getting out of jail.

Moments of Hope who feeds the homeless on particular days.

Food stamps are available even if you have no physical address.

Crimes in the area include larceny, break-ins, package stolen, sugar in car gas tank, vandalism of a mailbox, house egged, and windows broken at Chamberlayne Elementary School. Phone scams – don't give out personal information and warn the elderly.

If you are participating in selling items such as on Offer Up make sure to meet the person in a safe place.

The Community Association requested more police patrols of the area especially late at night and ticketing of people who park in the wrong direction on the street.

Noted that a broken down Audi is on the street that may need to be removed.

Question was raised regarding an incident at Diane Lane and Tyndale intersection with emergency response personnel and police present. Dr. Bowers shared information regarding the incident.

The Association thanked Office Gough for her information.

## **BUILDING & GROUNDS UPDATE**

Mr. Hicks reported that the bathrooms had backed up earlier. We paid Roto-Rooter a fee to unclog the drain. We found out that we have a septic system and are not part of the county sewage system. The tank was drained and cleaned with identification of the septic location made for future reference.

Noted that there are some trees that need attention for safety, perhaps trimming and or removal, and the installation of some new shrubbery. New lights will be installed to assist with security.

Light replacement inside the building has been halted pending the Association making a decision about allowing CATS Theatre to paint the ceiling black. It was moved by Lisa Walker and seconded to approve that CATS will provide the paint and will paint the ceiling black. Motion carried. The lights will be replaced once painting is complete.

CATS is going to replace the present outdoor signage with a professional marquee in the summer.

Questions concerning liability coverage for the facility rental. The security committee will look into that for future contracts.

Concerns about walkers not curbing or picking up after their dogs. If they can be identified action can be taken.

The topic of a Spring Fling was brought up. Our previous year's event was successful with a number of vendors, but had poor community attendance. Dr. Bowers requested volunteers to sign up to chair and/or serve on a planning committee. Upon review and research information will be sent to Dr. Bowers. At this time, there will be no Spring Fling for 2018.

### **MEMBERSHIP**

Carmen Daugherty reported that as of the present time, we have \$7,186.00 in dues which is \$890 more than last year this time which indicates about 200 homes which is 27 less than last year. Thirty three (33) contributions of \$10-\$250 were made to the Capital Campaign. This number represented 4 more households than last year.

### **TREASURER'S REPORT**

Treasurer's report indicates that as of December 31, 2017 we have \$13,262.84 on hand. The report was distributed and reviewed by Philip Kirby with the attendees.

### **FUNDRAISER**

In the 50-50 Raffle \$44 was collected. We raffled off a Coloring Calendar which was won by Susan Wood; an Elvis Memorabilia Book won by Lisa Walker; and the \$22 won by Deborah Norris who donated it back to the Association.

### **ADJOURNMENT**

The meeting was adjourned by Dr. Bowers at 8:40 pm.

Respectfully submitted,

Deborah Norris, Secretary