

Northern Henrico Civic Association Meeting

Minutes

3/13/18

The meeting was called to order at 7:00 p.m. by President Dr. Delta Bowers. Attendees were welcomed and thanked for their continued support of the community. We all stood and pledged allegiance to the flag.

Minutes of the last meeting, January 9, 2018, were reviewed and approved as submitted. Marian Banks motioned and seconded by Joyce Newsome.

New members were asked to introduce themselves. We had 3 new attendees to the meeting.

Announcements:

March 19, 2019 Recreation and Parks Accreditation at Eastern Henrico Recreation Center

March 15, 2018 zoning matter at Brook and Ridge Roads; 7:00p.m. at Government Center

March 29, 2018 at Village Community 6-8pm at Eastern Henrico Recreation Center.

Treasurers Report: Philip Kirby distributed copies of the report. \$11,375.13 cash on hand as of 2/28/18. We have increased cost in maintenance, heating oil, and landscaping. Additionally, there is increase in utility costs due to the increase of activity of CATS. Going forward in negotiations we will plan for these increases.

Security: Officer Gough, Henrico Police Department, reported the following incidents: Larceny still up from unlocked cars. Mostly from Three Fountains area. Computer stolen, change, \$20, shoes, auto manuals and \$300. Please lock your car! Don't leave your hand gun in the car.

Assault on Westmeath an arrest was made. Neither person lived in the neighborhood.

Fire on East Rois.

Three persons were reported missing in the neighborhood. One juvenile was found at a friend's house. Community resident, Mr. Christian, stated that emergency calls go through Hanover and are transferred.

Officer Gough was thanked for her support.

Community Maintenance: Mr. Mark Ballos reported that he is trying to get the lights on at the North Parham Shopping Center parking lot and at the entrance. Concern regarding trash and debris from Restaurant Depot in the same shopping center. Trying to help eliminate vagrancy from the homeless population. O'Reilly's plans to demolish building on lot at the end of the month. Chamberlayne Shopping Center is continuing to improve. Encouraged continued vigilance to keep things moving forward. Thanked Mr. Ballos for his assistance.

Property Values: Dr. Bowers stated that property values are still on the decline. We are still having difficulty with the fairness of the assessments. Please work to maintain your property and increase curb appeal to increase marketability. Community resident reported concern re: cars parked on street impeding street cleaning. Mr. Ballos requested that complaints re: property maintenance be sent directly to his office.

Water infrastructure conversations are taking place on the improvement of the aging infrastructure.

Community cleanup is scheduled for March 31, 2018. A flier was distributed. Contacts for pick-up are Chris Christian for the Hills and Delta Bowers in the Bluffs. Volunteers are needed. You may place your unwanted items out to the curb and the county will pick it up.

Website: is currently being maintained by Ernie Winters. Ms. Norris, Secretary and Ms. Washington, co-Secretary, will submit minutes to Mr. Winters for early publication.

New Members: Letter for new members goes out in April to support the organization.

National Night Out: Mr. Bill Schmidt, National Night Out Chairman, reported. August 7, 2018, will be our event. Mr. Schmidt requested volunteers for the steering committee and for the site plans. Several members had signed up as volunteers by the end of the meeting.

Chickahominy Aquatics: Shawn Soper, VP Membership, distributed a flier and spoke of lots of activities going on such as swim team available, holiday celebrations, etc. Swim Metro is the management team this year to help with running the pool and swim team. Open house Saturday, June 2, 2018, from 11am-3pm. You may get a tour and membership special. Membership fees are as follows: \$250 one time initiation plus annual fees \$475/family; \$350/2people; \$225/single; 10% discount on annual fee if you are a Northern Henrico Civic Association member.

Building & Maintenance: Mr. Charlie Hicks noted that CATS wants to put in a handicap restroom that will allow for more usage of the facility and the use of grant funds that will allow for more funds for the Association. Instead of the proposed painting, the current ceiling tiles will be taken out and replaced with dark tiles. The lights will then be replaced. The new sign is already up. Concerns about removing trees and getting estimates are under way. Tree stumps will be removed and Nandina Bushes put in. Changes to building: Color of doors, additions of trees, plants, and mulch have been put in place.

Membership Drive: A written report was provided by Carmen Daugherty, Membership Chair. Total contributions (membership and capital campaign) for FY 2016-17 was \$6,294.50, with 227 households participating; for current FY 2017-18 to date, \$7,337.00, with 201 households.

50/50 Drawing: War Room video won by Gay King; Spiritual Guidance book won by Mr. Diaz who donated it back, it was then won by Phyllis Washington; 50/50- \$21 won by Lisa Walker who donated it back to the Association fund.

Question about the dip on the Chickahominy Bluffs road. It is supposed to be being looked at. Dr. Bowers is continuing to move forward with the conversation.

Meeting was adjourned at 8:17p.m.

Minutes submitted by Deborah Norris, Secretary