

## Northern Henrico Civic Association Meeting

May 14, 2019

### Minutes

**WELCOME/CALL TO ORDER:** The meeting was called to order at 6:40 p.m. by President Dr. Delta Bowers. Attendees recited the Pledge of Allegiance to the Flag. Dr. Bowers acknowledged the attendance of guests Shannon Taylor, Commonwealth Attorney's Office ; Officer Gough, Henrico Police Department and Mark Ballos, Community Maintenance.

**REVIEW/APPROVAL OF MINUTES:** The minutes of March 12, 2019 were reviewed silently. Motioned by Ms. Lavechia to approve the minutes as received. Seconded by Cheryl Cadaret. Motion carried.

### NEW BUSINESS

**Local Government:** Ms. Shannon Taylor, Commonwealth Attorney's Office, reported that she is meeting with faith-based coalition to discuss matters occurring in the schools. A press release will be hitting major networks.

**Security:** Officer Gough reported that panhandlers are an on-going issue. Those persons with unlawful use of medians, such as entering the highway as a pedestrian, are issued an obstruction warrant and sent to court. There is competition among the panhandlers re: reporting on each other. There is concern regarding the City's aggression in handling the situation as there are no shelters in Henrico for the homeless. One option on the table is to ticket drivers who hold up traffic to give money to panhandlers. Residents have been giving Officer Gough supplies e.g. food, etc. for distribution to the homeless.

Resident reported hearing gunshots on 05/10 at Cordova and Diane Lane, but did not call it in. Another resident reported illegal bird hunting off Richfood Road; heard pellets on rooftop. Officer Gough stated that some businesses allow shooting behind their property.

Dr. Bowers stated that a left turn light is needed at Brook and Hilliard. She is in contact with VDOT. Dr. Bowers further reported a major car accident at Chamberlayne Road and Diane Lane that knocked down an entry wall. She recommended more time needed for the east-west signal light at Diane Lane. The median grass has finally been cut.

**Community Maintenance:** Mark Ballos reported that the neighborhood is looking better. The lot at Brook Road and Wilkinson is still in planning phase with some work having begun. Virginia Center Commons road repair and landscaping are in progress. The development in progress at Chamberlayne and Azalea is proposed to be a 7-11 store. Concerns for potholes or grading affecting private property should be called in to Public Works. The website for projects in Henrico is [HENRICO.US/PROJECTS](http://HENRICO.US/PROJECTS).

Resident expressed concern that installation of sewer and water lines is not coordinated with street repair or resurfacing. Another resident reported that the guard rail at St. Charles and Parham is constantly being hit; and continued concern regarding speeding and need for a traffic light and sidewalk at the same location.

**County/Community Initiatives:** In the absence of Stanley Homes representative Jeremy Swink, Dr. Bowers reiterated his commitment to purchase 120 memberships to NHCA. The Belmont Golf Course will remain in operation.

**National Night Out 2019:** Bill Schmidt, Coordinator reported the event scheduled Tuesday, August 6, 2019, 6:00 – 8:00 p.m. at four sites – NHCA Building, Chamberlayne Baptist Church, First Mennonite Church and Chamberlayne Heights United Methodist Church. The Planning Committee met for logistics. A sign-up sheet was passed for volunteers to assist with food service, flier distribution, registration and membership at each site. T-shirts will be provided to volunteers this year. Fliers will be posted in community sites.

### **ELECTION OF NHCA OFFICERS 2019-2020**

Dr. Bowers expressed that she is open to ideas, suggestions and recommendations. She recognized and thanked Friend Wells, local neighborhood real estate agent, for his community outreach and support. An appeal was made to residents to support Mr. Wells in his business endeavor.

The floor was opened for nominations to the officer positions. There were none. Motioned by Lisa Walker to approve the current officers' roster to serve another year. Seconded by Jeneen Walker. Motion carried.

### **OLD BUSINESS**

**Marketing:** Monica Kaufman is starting a new NHCA Facebook page and will post for the Association. Residents may forward information re: current events.

**Building and Grounds Update:** Christopher Christian, VP Building Operations, reported that the CAT Theatre complaint re: pest control has been handled. Other matters are being addressed.

**Membership Drive Update:** Carmen Daugherty, VP Membership, reported an 8% decline in membership with the following stats:

	<b>2018-2019</b>	<b>2019-2020</b>
Membership	217	188 to date
Capital Campaign	\$1,169	\$685 projected
Dues	\$7,757	\$6,770 projected

Ms. Daugherty reported that a new brochure was prepared for the drive that began in January 2019. No award has been given for recruitment. The membership drive has garnered only 1 new member.

CAT Theatre and Aquatic Pool are giving member discounts June 2019 – May 2020.

***Treasurer's Report:*** Philip Kirby, Treasurer, distributed copies of the Financial Report and reviewed as follows: Cash balance as of April 30, 2019, \$18,841.45 inclusive of Capital Campaign funds. Mr. Kirby stated that the NHCA income has improved due to an increase in the CAT Theatre lease. Expenses have been frugal.

Mr. Kirby presented and reviewed the proposed budget for year 2019-2020. Reductions/increases are based on income/expense history and negotiation. Note was made that *security* is a new expense. Motioned by Bill Schmidt to approve the proposed budget 2019-2020 as presented. Seconded by Ames Diaz. Motion carried.

***Fundraiser (50/50) Drawing***

Journal	Katherine Norrell
<i>Spiritual Remedies</i> book	Kelly Lane
50/50 (\$27)	Bill Schmidt

***Questions/Concerns***

-Next Door Neighbor.com website was recommended for reporting and/or reviewing neighborhood activity, e.g. lost dog

-The Aquatics Pool opens in May

- Neighbor's Calico cat got out and was gone for a week. Thank you for the support in its return.

**ADJOURNMENT**

The meeting was adjourned at 7:50 p.m.

Respectfully submitted,

*Phyllis M. Washington*, Assistant Secretary