

Northern Henrico Civic Association

Community Meeting Minutes

Tuesday, March 8, 2022, 6:30 p.m.

WELCOME/CALL TO ORDER: The meeting was called to order at 6:31 p.m. with a welcome by President Dr. Delta Bowers.

COMMUNITY: Attendees repeated the Pledge of Allegiance to the Flag.

REVIEW/APPROVAL OF MINUTES 01/11/2022: Motioned by Juanita Leatherberry to approve the minutes as received. Seconded by Mr. Brown. Motion carried.

NHCA BUSINESS

TREASURER’S REPORT: Phillip Kirby, Treasurer, announced that the proposal received from Chickahominy Aquatics Association (CAA) was detailed beyond the scope of NHCA parking lot rental and utility costs. The proposal was reviewed by NHCA Board, adjusted and submitted back to CAA. A reply is pending.

The Financial Report for the period ending February 2022 was distributed and reviewed.

Beginning cash balance June 2021	\$41,493.57
Income YTD	\$15,158.42
TOTAL	\$56,651.99
Less expenses YTD	\$31,329.28
Cash balance 02/28/2022	\$25,322. 71
Capital Campaign Funds raised FY 2016-22	\$6,365.50 (inclusive in account cash balance)

SECURITY: Officer Hearn, Henrico Police Department Community Officer reported the following: A high number of vehicles have been stolen in the Azalea corridor. Safeguards against this activity were shared with the affected community. Several arrests have been made among juveniles/teenagers. The high school campus is an open campus that allows students to come and go without being monitored. Concern was expressed regarding the juvenile justice procedure, resources and programs before criminal charges, the number of repeat offenders and referrals for court review and decision. Some interventions have been successful, some not. The County is in the middle phase of revising ordinances e.g. noise violation has been changed to include volume level regardless of time of day/night. Henrico Police Department is hiring. Cautioned residents to be careful when out walking due to the increase in pedestrians being hit by drivers distracted while texting.

The floor was opened for residents’ concerns and Officer Hearn responded accordingly (*see italics*).

Speeding on St. Charles and lack of sidewalks. *Out of Henrico Police area; advised to reach out to general services. “No trucks” signs ignored; suggest 4-way stop sign or stop lights. Sidewalks promised by County 3 years ago. Will report to Traffic Safety who provides feedback to Police Dept re: speeding and traffic issues.* Concern re speeding on Parham Road. *Speeding is common on Parham Road due to heavy traffic and carpoolers rushing to meet their ride.* Concern regarding homeless man at entry to Walmart. *The person in question has not taken advantage of housing and other support. It is not a violation to beg.*

Parking against flow of traffic violations continue. *This is not a priority attention.* Panhandlers with children in adverse weather. Is this a violation of child welfare? *Child Protective Services has to be contacted to make a charge. They will make a determination.*

COMMUNITY MAINTENANCE: Mark Ballos, Code Compliance Inspector, reported the following: DMV is now opened and vehicles are being brought in to compliance. Grass maintenance is being tracked. Public Works Traffic Engineering is the contact source for concern at St. Charles. Mr. Ballos stated that he will coordinate with Officer Hearn to address the concern. Concerns regarding leaves collection will be reported to Public Works. Resident reported that they had emailed the County Manager to report concern re dust and dirt at Azalea Ave and Carolina. There has been no resolve. Mr. Ballos stated that landfill law addresses this concern. He will follow up. Resident expressed concern re speed of dump trucks and rigs on Wilkinson Road. Officer Hearn will follow up. Resident inquired about the high level of activity in the parking lot at the strip mall at the corner of Wilkinson Road and Azalea. It appears to be a meet up place for people at the Deli.

NHCA MEMBERSHIP DRIVE: Carmen Daugherty, VP Membership, reported 1 additional membership; 1 joined tonight; 234 household memberships; discount with SwimRVA; dues are due annually in June.

REVENUE STREAMS: Dr. Bowers reported that NHCA building rentals are going well with five (5) currently on the books. The cost for rental is \$250 for NHCA members and \$350 for non-members.

SOCIAL COMMITTEE: Dr. Bowers reported that an Easter Egg Hunt is proposed. Update will be forthcoming pending Social Committee planning.

NHCA BUILDING AND GROUNDS: Dr. Bowers proposed a fountain on the front lawn with lighting. Feedback from attendees was positive. It was suggested that feedback be solicited from residents who live in the area. Resident expressed concern that driveway entrance is too dark and suggested a light at the driveway entrance. Wildwood sign lighting is working now.

MARKETING: Dr. Bowers referred residents to the NHCA website.

SPECIAL REPORT: Bill Schmidt, resident, greeted attendees and commented re coincidence of yellow and blue flowers at the Chamberlayne Farms sign reminder of Ukraine flag colors. Mr. Schmidt referred to the Henrico County Newsletter (email and digital) regarding a proposed walking/bike riding trail at Brook Road and Bryan Park. This is a recreational plus expected to be completed 2025. A public hearing was held. Funding for the project is through a community development block grant. The only person who spoke at the meeting was the CEO of Habitat for Humanity. Mr. Schmidt encouraged residents to attend the public hearing in June with County Supervisors.

50/50 RAFFLE: Forty dollars (\$40) was collected with twenty dollars (\$20) won by Rochelle Griffin.

GOOD OF THE ORDER: Dr. Bowers welcomed back former members. Announced that property values are going up and that she will re-address the County re sidewalks. Resident expressed appreciation for meeting notice posted at the library. Dr. Bowers credited Bill Schmidt with the posting.

ADJOURNMENT: With no further business, the meeting was adjourned at 7:36 p.m.

Respectfully submitted,

Phyllis M. Washington, Assistant Secretary