

Northern Henrico Civic Association

Community Meeting Minutes

Onsite and Zoom

Tuesday, November 9, 2021, 6:30 p.m.

WELCOME/CALL TO ORDER: The meeting was called to order at 6:38 p.m. with a welcome by President Dr. Delta Bowers. Attendees repeated the Pledge of Allegiance to the Flag. Dr. Bowers acknowledged the presence of Mr. Thomas Henry, a former NHCA President. Dr. Bowers also called for a Moment of Silence in recognition of the passing of Mr. Friend Wells resident and supportive member of the Association.

REVIEW/APPROVAL OF MINUTES 09/14/2021: Correction was called to the minutes that reference to concern regarding foliage around a sign at North Wilkinson should be the sign at Frostick Hills. *Motioned by Lisa Walker to approve the minutes with the correction. Seconded by Phillip Kirby. Motion carried.*

SECURITY: Dr. Bowers introduced Officer Hearn newly appointed Community Service Officer to our area. Officer Hearn shared that he has served on the Force for twenty-six (26) years and has been in community service for four months. Officer Hearn shared the following highlights: Residents are the greatest asset to keeping communities safe. Please report concerns to Dr. Bowers as liaison to his attention. Central Station (VA Venter Commons/Raceway/Staples Mills) crime is down. However, criminal activity continues such as stolen catalytic converters, theft from unlocked cars, front door packages stolen, and gun violence. Officer Hearn suggested residents build a secure box, identify out of sight location for drop or send packages to a shipping center.

Officer Hearn further shared that police contact has been limited in light of the pandemic, but is slowly returning. Legislation has changed for traffic stops regarding some violations such as tinted windows, expired tags and change in arrest/search for smelling marijuana. There is more scrutiny with body cameras. Police are more engaged with residents.

Officer Hearn encouraged residents to report anonymously, if necessary. The Department is conducting an online seminar at no charge. He will forward the information to Dr. Bowers. A resident reported an incident where the reporting party was contacted by the police. Officer Hearn advised that request be made when reporting that the party not be contacted. Also CRIMESTOPPERS calls are not trackable.

Dr. Bowers expressed concern that there is an uptick of crime in the Richmond Turnpike area. Officer Hearn responded that he is responsible to address two focus areas per week. Some activities deplete police availability due to the number of police required on a call or incident.

Officer Hearn was thanked for his report and we look forward to working with him.

COMMUNITY MAINTENANCE: Mr. Mark Ballos was welcomed back. He reported that he shares the area with another person. One focus is to track repeat offenders who violate property maintenance such as leaves, abandoned cars, etc. A new case tracking software (customer portal) is in progress. The motto is "Build a New Henrico". A resident stated concern regarding County trees overhang on private property. Mr. Ballos referred the resident to call Public Works.

SWIMRVA: Mr. Adam Kennedy, Executive Director, distributed a multi-page handout that outlined SwimRVA's vision and plan. An overview was provided via video and oral description. The plan focused on community health and wellness with a number of activities including movement and education that supported residents of varying ages.

Mr. Kennedy discussed structural changes and enhancements, parking issues resolution, hours of operations, trash removal, noise abatement and membership. SwimRVA will meet with the Board of Appeals on December 16th to seek a Conditional Use Permit.

Mr. Bob Ukrop reported that next year is SwimRVA's 10th Anniversary. Improvements have been made over the years. He encouraged residents to try the experience to appreciate. The focus is for a healthier community.

The floor was opened for questions/comments. Resident expressed thank you for improvement; had formerly worked with the pool and thinks prices are reasonable. Will we have a therapy pool? How many employees? How soon will activity be in effect?

Mr. Kennedy responded accordingly. There is no therapy pool as of now, but one that begins at 3-5 feet deep. Two different temps for the pools...one, family oriented and one, lap swim. Five (5) full time employees and twenty-five (25) part time. Operations pending results of request for Conditional Use Permit. No major work will be conducted before Memorial Day 2022.

Dr. Bowers requested by a show of hands residents' support/decline for the SwimRVA proposal. *The majority vote, by show of hands, reflected YES.*

HENRICO MAGESTERIAL DISTRICTS REAPPORTIONMENT: Mr. Blankenship reviewed a map of proposed redistricting. He stated that changes were made as a result of change in population. The goal is for more equal distribution. Persons of same interest should be in the same district.

Dr. Bowers encouraged residents to respond how we think our district should be apportioned.

Resident raised question regarding a planning sign posted on Wilkinson. Mr. Bill Schmidt responded that it is in reference to features of the shopping center on Wilkinson. There may be rezoning with an interest to sell. A meeting is scheduled tomorrow (11/20). Interested persons may call 501-4427 for information.

Officer Hearn reported that shopping centers are having "pop-up" parties with membership for after hour activities. Residents have complained of noise levels.

NHCA MEMBERSHIP DRIVE UPDATE: Ms. Carmen Daugherty, VP Membership, reported as follows:

11 new memberships (4 new houses); 227 households @ \$30-\$60 each for a total of \$6,990; 35; donations to Capital Campaign for a total of \$1,171.50. The total raised is \$8,161.60. Ms. Daugherty stated that she has made outreach to previous members for renewal.

NHCA SOCIAL COMMITTEE: Ms. Tammy Weber, Committee Member reported a planned Social Holiday Party at the Center on Tuesday, December 7th, 6:00 p.m.-8:00 p.m. Goodrich Gourmet will cater. The Weber family is donating dessert. Donations for decorations will be appreciated. Volunteers for decorating party on Monday prior (December 6th, 5:30 p.m.) are welcome. A membership table at the

event is recommended. Ms. Weber reported that BYO alcohol to the Center is permitted, but no sales allowed.

TREASURER'S REPORT: Dr. Bowers acknowledged the loss of Mr. Kirby's father and expressed condolences. He, in turn, expressed appreciation.

Mr. Phillip Kirby, Treasurer, distributed and reviewed financial reports as follows:

Proposed Budget Fiscal Year 2021-2022

Proposed Income	\$25,352
Less Expenses	\$30,070
Variance (under)	(\$6,718)*

*Cash reserve will cover the projected deficit of \$6,718

Motioned by Joyce Newsome to approve the Fiscal Year 2021-2022 Budget as submitted. Seconded by Pannell Brown. Motion carried.

Treasurer's Report/Period Ending October 31, 2021

Beginning Balance June 2021	\$41,493.57
Income YTD	\$12,823.25
TOTAL	\$54,316.82
Less Expense YTD	\$21,780.82
Cash Balance 10/31/2021	\$32,536.00
Capital Campaign Funds raised FY 2016-2022	\$6,284.50

Motioned by Joyce Newsome to approve the Financial Report for the period ending October 31, 2021. Seconded by Lisa Walker. Motion carried.

QUESTIONS & CONCERNS: Resident expressed concern that light on sign at Haverhill and Wilkinson does not remain lit. Dr. Bowers stated that the light is solar operated dependent on the sun.

Dr. Bowers extended a "thank you" to our veterans in recognition of the upcoming Veterans' Day.

RAFFLE: Raffles were drawn and prizes of home décor, a daily planner and \$31 cash were awarded. \$62 was raised in the 50/50 draw with \$31 going to the Treasury. A special thank you to resident for donation of prizes.

ANNOUNCEMENT: The Crosswater Band will be playing at the NHCA Center on Sunday, December 12, 2021, 3:00 p.m. til 6:00 p.m. Tickets are \$10 each. Residents were invited and encouraged to attend.

ADJOURNMENT: With no further business, the meeting was adjourned at 8:35 p.m.

Respectfully submitted,

Phyllis M. Washington, Assistant Secretary