

Northern Henrico Civic Association (NHCA)

Community Meeting Minutes

Tuesday, September 12, 2023, 6:30 p.m.

WELCOME/CALL TO ORDER: The meeting was called to order at 6:38 p.m. by President Dr. Delta Bowers. Dr. Bowers welcomed attendees.

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

REVIEW/APPROVAL OF MINUTES 05/09/2023: Copies of the minutes were distributed and read silently. Amendment was made to the minutes to identify the member making the motion to approve the Proposed Budget 2023-2024. VP Lisa Walker acknowledged the motion to approve. **Motioned by Juanita Leatherberry to approve the minutes with the amendment as stated. Seconded by Mr. Banks. Motion carried.**

SECURITY: Officer Phillips, Henrico Police Department, attended the meeting and reported in the absence of Community Officer Hearn. Wilkinson Road will be closed for a significant period of time pending major road work. A huge problem exists with Hyundai and Kia autos being stolen. The County has purchased anti-theft devices as a deterrent to be distributed to targeted areas. Contact Officer Hearn if interested. Catalytic converters theft has not been easy for police to investigate. The Police Department partnered with Midas to paint the catalytic converters but the program has not been as successful as hoped. Recyclers are required to gather information on persons turning in the converters. Officer Phillips suggested put your car's VIN number on your catalytic converter for easy identification if stolen. Recycle value ranges from \$200-\$400; \$1,500 to replace. Crime rate is up including violence and property. More guns are in the hands of youth. Residents were advised not to keep a gun or leave a purse in their car. A shortage of police and less stringent prosecution have been a hindrance to keeping crime down. Regarding homeless solicitors, there is no County ordinance that prohibits solicitation.

The floor was opened for residents' concerns. Officer Phillips responded accordingly.

Resident: Concern re speeding exceeding 25MPH zone on Diane Lane between Fredonia and Chamberlayne and on Dirk Road. Suggest posting officers to monitor. Officer Phillips: Contact Traffic Complaint Hotline and give summary of problem to include day and time of day of occurrence. This is registered as a formal complaint that gets assigned to a traffic monitoring officer. If determined to be a systemic problem, a speed control process (traffic calming) will be put into place. E.g speed bumps

Resident: Thinks 45 MPH speed limit is high in Wildwood area.

Resident: Loud auto muffler at night on Wilkinson and Chamberlayne. Officer Phillips: Monitor and report if the same car and time on a regular basis (easier for police to identify). Check with neighbor for ring camera info. Will pass concern to Officer Hearn.

Resident: Resident walks dog on edge of his lawn. When he addressed the walker, the walker stated that 2 feet of the front of residential property belongs to the City. Officer Phillips: Although the County has some right of way, there is no 2 ft. regulation. Suggested "no trespassing" or other cute signs posted on the lawn as a deterrent. The matter may require going to court to address.

Resident: Walks dog on NHCA property as do others, but some do not pick up poop.

Officer Phillips was thanked for his time and information.

COMMUNITY MAINTENANCE: Dr. Bowers provided an overview of community maintenance outlined on the agenda. Special note that speed bumps have been installed on St. Charles and Diane Lane in response to residents' concerns regarding speeding and pedestrian safety. Areas significant to property maintenance included high grass, broken garage doors, falling roof shingles, peeling structure paint, debris, multiple autos parked on the street and leaves on property and in the street.

NHCA PROPOSED REVENUE STREAMS: Dr. Bowers proposed a Christmas Party on the 2nd Thursday in December. Entry charge at \$10 person. Other suggestions included movie night, jazz night and wine tasting. Email suggestions to Dr. Bowers.

MARKETING: Current information regarding the community may be found on the website at www.nhcahenrico.org.

BUILDING AND GROUNDS UPDATE: Maintained by Capital Landscaping.

NHCA MEMBERSHIP DRIVE: Carmen Daugherty, VP Membership, reported NHCA membership for the period beginning June 1, 2023, to date.

173 households \$5,280.00

420 Capital Campaign contributors \$1,445.00

VP Daugherty reported that membership at this time is sixty (60) fewer than last fiscal year.

TREASURER'S REPORT: Phillip Kirby, Treasurer, distributed copies and reviewed fiscal reports as follows:

Financial Report for the period ending August 31, 2023

Beginning cash balance as of Fiscal Year beginning June 1, 2023: \$32,630.99

	ACTUAL	FISCAL YTD
Income	\$15,731.09	\$15,731.09
Less Expenses	<u>\$22,557.94</u>	<u>\$22,557.94</u>
Income over (under) expenses	(\$6,826.85)	(\$6,826.85)

Cash Balance as of 08/31/2023 \$25,804.14*

**The account balance is inclusive of \$9,390.50 Capital Campaign funds raised FY16-FY23 and \$25,000 Henrico County Grant.*

COUNTY/COMMUNITY INITIATIVES: Bill Schmidt reported that he will post additional NHCA meeting signs in November. Mr. Schmidt encouraged residents to speak with their neighbor if they have a concern with them. He further reported that a resident contacted Dominion Energy regarding the skeleton in residential yard in close proximity to an electrical post. Dominion Energy stated that they can't do anything about the skeleton.

NHCA IMPROVEMENTS: President Bowers highlighted facility improvements including flooring, ceiling tiles, countertops, lighting, AC unit replacement and purchase of round tables. Additionally, installation of entry walls at Chamberlayne Heights and Chipplegate is in progress.

CURRENT BOARD OF DIRECTORS FY 2023-2024: See NHCA website for a listing of the officers.

GOOD OF THE ORDER: First Mennonite Church representative announced that the church has a Christmas Mother Program. NHCA membership was invited to participate. President Bowers requested additional information.

Resident suggested NHCA sponsor Pickleball.

Residents were encouraged to get out and vote during the November Elections. It was acknowledged that NHCA President Dr. Delta Bowers is running for Henrico Board of Supervisors, Fairfield District.

50/50 RAFFLE:

\$28.50 cash won by Harriet Tart

A Daily Planner (donated by Rolanda Burns) was won by Mr. Diaz who declined the prize. Carmen Daughterty won the Planner in the second drawing.

ADJOURNMENT: With no further business the meeting was adjourned at 7:59 p.m.

Respectfully Submitted,

Phyllis M. Washington, Secretary