

Northern Henrico Civic Association Meeting

Via ZOOM

Tuesday, January 12, 2021

Minutes

WELCOME/CALL TO ORDER: The meeting was called to order at 6:30 p.m. by President Dr. Delta Bowers. Attendees were welcomed and thanked for their joining the meeting. The Pledge of Allegiance was recited by participants.

REVIEW/APPROVAL OF MINUTES 11/17/2020: Motioned to approve the minutes by Cheryl Cadaret. Seconded by Joyce Newsome. Motion carried.

NHCA BUSINESS

SECURITY: Officer Gough was not present but had provided an update to Dr. Bowers who reported the following: items stolen from unlocked automobile; auto tampering; road rage incident with individual struck by a bullet; and rampant telephone fraud scams. Appeal was made that residents not give personal information to unknown callers.

COMMUNITY MAINTENANCE: Dr. Bowers reported that the County is working closely to ensure street maintenance. Resident VP Lisa Walker reported that she had to wait eleven (11) days for leaf pick-up in the street. In the meantime she received a compliance violation notice on her mailbox. Resident JoAnn Washington reported that she experienced the same issue. *Dr. Bowers stated that the County was overwhelmed and had to hire outside contractors.*

NHCA PROPOSED REVENUE STREAMS: Dr. Bowers stated that we are no longer receiving rental funds due to close of lease with CAT (the theatre). In addition to items noted on the agenda, the floor was open for recommendations for other funding venues.

VP Chris Christian is negotiating with Henrico County to lease the NHCA building for testing students.

Chris Dovi recommended a food truck that will serve the influx of people attending Chickahominy Aquatics activities. He further proposed a Farmer's Market. Mr. Dovi offered to assist with the projects. Ms. Cadaret recommended that the Farmer's Market be open to other vendors, as well.

NHCA IMPROVEMENTS

Dr. Bowers noted interior and exterior improvements that had been made to the building. Further improvements and repairs are needed. The NHCA Board will meet with Supervisor Frank Thornton via webex on January 19th to address County financial support for additional building improvements. We will also discuss the proposed Green City project.

COUNTY/COMMUNITY INITIATIVES

Chamberlayne Farms Entrance Signs: Mr. Bill Schmidt shared photos of groundbreaking and finished wall monuments constructed at Chamberlayne Farms triangle and Wildwood (Haverhill and Wilkinson). The pictures are also posted on Facebook. A Wildwood resident expressed concern regarding the smaller Wildwood sign in comparison to the Chamberlayne Farms sign. Mr. Schmidt stated that the Wildwood sign is on personal property and we did not want to dominate the homeowner's property.

Mr. Dovi inquired if we could get signs for the Chamberlayne Heights community. He suggested locations. Dr. Bowers shared that the older signs were financed by homeowners and the County. The more recent have been courtesy of Stanley Homes. She suggested that a committee be formed to raise funding for Chamberlayne Heights signs.

Chickahominy Aquatics Association (CAA) Update: Dr. Bowers reported that NHCA Board members and two residents at large met with Adam Kennedy, SwimRVA to discuss their potential acquisition of CAA. Concerns regarding environmental impact and NHCA's *First Right of Refusal* to purchase the parking lot were discussed. In subsequent correspondence with the CAA lawyer it was stated there is no transfer of deed to SwimRVA.

Shawnee Soper, former CAA President, shared that CAA will not dissolve. SwimRVA, however, will take over operation of the pool activities. Ms. Soper lauded SwimRVA's mission and stated that she is excited about the venture.

Residents responded accordingly.

James Chambers: *Lives across from the pool. Has concern regarding overflow of traffic parking on street and noise level from rental activities.*

Chris Dovi: *A former CAA member. Thinks it's an excellent idea; a jewel amenity; SwimRVA a great operations; wants to see more local residents taking advantage of the pool.*

Dr. Bowers: *Urge polling immediate residents re: impact.*

Cathy Wysong: *In the interest of transparency recommend notifying area residents.*

Philip Kirby: *Will CAA present a plan? Ms. Soper replied that a meeting is scheduled for January 14th.*

Social Committee: No Report

O'Reilly's: Dr. Bowers reported that the construction is up and moving. Mr. Schmidt inquired if a wall will be raised behind the parking lot. Ms. Peggy ? expressed concern re: adjusting timing on traffic lights at the Brook Road/Wilkinson Road intersection to accommodate entry to the O'Reilly parking lot that will not impede safe movement of ongoing traffic. Mr. Dovi expressed concern regarding pedestrians crossing the road. Dr. Bowers will contact VDOT re the concerns.

The closed **Pizza Hut** on Wilkinson is now a BBQ Pit. The County continues oversight of demolition of the old **Days Inn**.

Dr. Bowers reported the proposed **Green City** project will be an agenda item in a meeting with Supervisor Frank Thornton on January 19th. Dr. Mary Churchill inquired if this was the project initially proposed for downtown. Mr. Dovi replied that it is the same developer. In response to a question raised it was clarified that the Green City project and Virginia Center Commons project are two separate.

NHCA Property Survey: Dr. Bowers reported that a property survey was conducted and markers placed to identify boundaries.

2020/2012 BOARD OF DIRECTORS: Dr. Bowers acknowledged the elected officers of the Board by name.

MARKETING: Dr. Bowers reminded that NHCA is on the website and Facebook. Marketing letters to residents are sent out twice annually.

NHCA BUILDING AND GROUNDS: Maintained by Capital landscaping. Flowers will be planted at the new walls in the Spring.

NHCA MEMBERSHIP DRIVE: Carmen Daugherty, VP Membership, reported five (5) additional members since our last meeting. The goal is three-hundred (300). Ms. Daugherty stated that she will make an appeal to last year's members to rejoin. In addition, she made an appeal to attendees to encourage their neighbors to join.

TREASURER'S REPORT: Philip Kirby, Treasurer, reviewed the financial report for a 2-month period ending December 31, 2020. Total income: \$237.10. Total expenses: \$3,803.97. Cash balance: \$21,593.84, inclusive of Capital Campaign Funds \$5,113.00. Mr. Kirby reported that the following expenses incurred, but outstanding, are property survey (\$250); additional legal (\$300); and parking lot rental 1st quarter (\$750). Parking lot rental and water bill previously shared with CAT is now NHCA's full responsibility. We will seek further negotiation with CAA and SwimRVA.

QUESTIONS AND CONCERNS

Pat Taylor: Road repair needed at Wilkinson and North Wilkinson. James Chambers: Speeding in excess of 25 mph on Wilkinson, St. Charles and Eisenhower. Amber Brister: Concern regarding drainage back up due to open ditch drainage vs pipes.

Dr. Bowers responded that some potholes have been paved and that 75% residents must approve speed bumps to slow traffic. She will follow up with all concerns.

Ms. Cadaret announced a website is up regarding administration of COVID-19 vaccines.

GOOD OF THE ORDER: Dr. Bowers thanked residents for their attendance, support and membership. She extended wishes for continued well-being. Dr. Bowers further expressed that the work of the NHCA is voluntary services and that it is worthy work because we care.

ADJOURNMENT: With no further business, the meeting was adjourned at 7:49 p.m.

Respectfully submitted,

Phyllis M. Washington, Assistant Secretary

Disclaimer: Credit was given to speakers based upon names shown on Zoom screen and may not be accurately identified in some cases. Apologies are extended and forgiveness requested as we continue to navigate virtual communications. Thank you.