

Northern Henrico Civic Association Meeting

March 10, 2020

Minutes

WELCOME/CALL TO ORDER: The meeting was called to order at 6:35 p.m. by President Dr. Delta Bowers. Dr. Bowers reminded attendees of “social distancing” protocol in light of the current COVID-19 pandemic. Attendees repeated the Pledge of Allegiance to the Flag.

REVIEW/APPROVAL OF MINUTES: The minutes of January 14, 2020 were reviewed silently. Correction noted as follows – change Officer Gough was not “absent” to not “present”. Motioned by Bill Webber to approve the minutes with noted correction. Seconded by Friend Wells. Motion carried.

TREASURER’S REPORT: Mr. Philip Kirby, Treasurer, distributed and reviewed the Financial Report for the period ending February 29, 2020. Income for 2-month period \$3,100.42. Total 2-month expenses \$1,563.06. Cash balance \$24,538.92.

NHCA BUSINESS

Security: Officer Gough reported crime activity for the period of second week of January to current. Additionally, she shared safety tips. Crime included someone swindled of \$150 with expectation of an investment return. After giving out their Facebook password, the person’s whole account was hacked. A \$25 check for a parking ticket was intercepted and the check amount changed to \$133. AirPods and a credit card were reported stolen. Officer Gough advised residents to not leave a gun in your car; report any suspicion of fraud; reverse look-up unknown phone numbers; Ring doorbell is an excellent deterrent; sharing Ring videos is helpful.

Community Maintenance: Dr. Bowers announced that Mark Ballos, Zoning Inspector has been promoted and no longer reports to NHCA. She extended well wishes to him in his new endeavor. In Mr. Ballos’ absence, Mr. Michael Mollen, Zoning Inspector for Highland Springs reported. Mr. Mollen provided a comprehensive overview of Chapter 24 (environmental) and Chapter 10 (court action) violations. In addition, brochures were provided that addressed zoning, inoperable motor vehicles, weeds and grass, trash and debris and tag and tow ordinances. This information is also available online at www.co.henrico.va.us/maint.

Dr. Bowers reported that timing of the traffic lights at Diane Lane and Chamberlayne Road has been changed to address the increase in accidents at that intersection.

NHCA Building and Grounds: Mr. Chris Christian, VP Building Operations reported that the trap door and outside lighting will be addressed.

Community Initiative: Mr. Bill Schmidt reported that the monument at the Chamberlayne Farms Dirk triangle will be 6 feet high/14 feet wide. Stanley Martin Homes has taken responsibility for the landscape maintenance plan. The Wildwood location is on private property. Contact will be made with the property owner.

Mr. Schmidt further reported that a charrette was held for a week consulting, revising and redesigning Virginia Center Commons. Proposal so far include the mall remaining, an arena, hotel, building conversions and additional streets. American Family Fitness wants to stay.

Ms. Desiree Draper reported on the Chickahominy Aquatics Center. The pool opens on May 23, 2020. There are one hundred eighty (180) membership slots. The current membership is one hundred thirty five (135). NHCA members will be given a \$25 membership discount.

Ms. Cathy Wysong provided an overview of Henrico County Schools Redistricting. The goals are to address efficient use of space, attendance, increase building capacity, and reduce concentration of poverty. Concern was voiced that nothing positive has been proposed for Fairfield School District and there is no opportunity for a question and answer session with planners. Wilder School is struggling with accreditation which impacts property value. Mr. Diaz proposed another school district be created.

Social Committee: Ms. Gaye King, Committee Member reported that the Social Committee held a brief meeting. The Committee will assist in coordinating the following social events, two of which are new:

1. August – National Night Out
2. May – Reduce meeting time and hold an outside covered dish gathering with entertainment by a band (new)
3. Holiday – Caroling, cookies and food (new)

NHCA Membership Drive: Ms. Carmen Daugherty, VP Membership reported that one new membership at \$10 has been received. She expressed disappointment at the slow progress. Suggestion was made by Mrs. Phyllis Washington that membership outreach be conducted at the May event proposed by the Social Committee.

FUNDRAISER (50/50 drawing): Ms. Daugherty corrected the winner of the 50/50 raffle as reported in the January minutes. The winner was Mr. Diaz, who donated the funds back.

Night Scout rechargeable pouch (donated by Yolanda) – Amber Brister

Planner – Marvin Tart

\$23 cash – Mr. Brown

QUESTIONS/CONCERNS/ANNOUNCEMENTS: All Henrico Reads Event, April 2nd at Glen Allen High School; The County now allows Air B&B's; we need a dog park.

ADJOURNMENT: The meeting was adjourned at 8:29 p.m.

Respectfully submitted,

Phyllis M. Washington, Assistant Secretary