

Northern Henrico Civic Association (NHCA)

Community Meeting Minutes

Tuesday, January 23, 2024, 6:30 p.m.

WELCOME/CALL TO ORDER: The meeting was called to order at 6:34 p.m. by President Dr. Delta Bowers. Attendees were welcomed to the meeting.

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

REVIEW/APPROVAL OF MINUTES 11/14/2023: Copies of the minutes were distributed and read silently. ***Motioned by Joyce Newsome and seconded by Kent Walker to approve the minutes as received. Motion carried.***

COMMUNITY REPRESENTATIVE: Officer Mike Pfister was introduced and welcomed as the new Community Officer assigned to our community. Officer Pfister shared that he has served eight (8) years on patrol and nine (9) years community policing. He reported that the crime rate for stolen cars (especially Kia and Hyundai) and larceny have been high during the period of November 1 thru tonight's reporting. Joy riding appears to be a common motive for the auto thefts. Clubs are available to the specified cars owners to help deter theft. Six hundred sixty (660) calls were made to the Police Station from this area for varying causes... forty-two (42) of which were larceny.

Mark Ballos, Zoning Inspector, highlighted duties of his newly assigned position. He introduced Deanna Lewis newly appointed Code Compliance Inspector II. Ms. Lewis reported that she previously worked with the City of Richmond. She was newly hired in Henrico November 2023 and is in the process of learning the community. She further shared that she formerly worked restoring historic houses.

Both new appointees were welcomed. Comments/questions were posed from residents and responses given accordingly. Resident thanked Mr. Ballos for help provided to her and her neighbor. Resident raised question who is responsible for removing trash left at homeless sites? Response: Removal of trash left on private property is responsibility of home owner. Trash left on the highway is responsibility of public service – VDOT or Public Works. Ms. Lewis stated that photos of public trash may be emailed to her at lew146@henrico.us.

MARKETING: NHCA website continues to be updated with current information. www.nhcahenrico.org.

NHCA MEMBERSHIP DRIVE UPDATE: Carmen Daugherty, VP Membership, reported the following:

191 household memberships

47 Capital Campaign donors

Total Funds collected \$5,820

TREASURER'S REPORT: Phillip Kirby, Treasurer, distributed and reviewed reports for the periods ending October 2023 and December 2023, respectively.

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

	ACTUAL	FISCAL YTD
Income	\$1,324.06	\$17,055.15
Less Expenses	\$8,493.66	\$31,051.60
Income over (under) expenses	(\$7,169.60)	(\$13,996.45)

Cash Balance as of October 31, 2023 **\$18,634.54***

Mr. Kirby reported that the higher than usual cost for landscaping in October was due to additional weeding and seeding. In response to resident's concern that landscaping cost will exceed budgeted amount, Mr. Kirby stated that any overage of the budgeted amount will be adjusted from another budgeted item.

	ACTUAL	FISCAL YTD
Income	\$1,830.06	\$18,885.21
Less Expenses	\$4,970.63	\$36,022.23
Income over (under) expenses	(\$3,140.57)	(\$17,137.02)

Cash Balance as of December 31, 2023 **\$15,493.97***

**The account balance is inclusive of Capital Campaign Funds raised FY16 – FY24.*

Dr. Bowers announced that round tables will be secured by May 31st.

COUNTY/COMMUNITY INITIATIVES:

Dr. Bowers presented a safety vest each to residents Lisa Walker and Bill Schmidt in appreciation for their involvement in community service.

FALL LINE TRAIL: Resident Bill Schmidt reported construction for major entrance to Green City at Wilmer* (please see footnote) near Brook Road and Parham. Residents have posted complaints on "Next Door" regarding noise at the construction site. Officer Pfister stated that the noise is emanating from work on Interstate 95. Restrooms and parking amenities are being constructed.

RESIDENTS CONCERNS/Q & A:

Would like to have someone from Public Works attend meeting to report on status of bridge construction on Wilkinson.

NHCA building rental availability is not posted on website.

Kent Walker was commended for speaking with resident regarding a parked car on Diane Lane that hinders pedestrian safety. The resident acknowledged the concern and moved the car.

Concern regarding homeless person on median knocking on car window at stop light. Officer Pfister stated that signs are posted to discourage soliciting, but enforcement can only occur if the solicitor enters the street causing obstruction of traffic. Homeless count is conducted 2 x year in early morning where food and clothing are offered.

Activity in progress for construction of new housing at Interstate and Chamberlayne

50/50 RAFFLE:

Lighted home décor item (donated by resident Rolanda Burns) won by Harriett Tart

\$22 cash won by Mark Ballos who donated back to NHCA

ADJOURNMENT: With no further business the meeting was adjourned at 7:32 p.m.

Respectfully submitted,

Phyllis M. Washington, Secretary

**FOOTNOTE: After further research Mr. Schmidt corrected at a later date and reported to President Bowers that the Green City entrance is at Athens not Wilmer as was previously reported.*