

Northern Henrico Civic Association Meeting
September 8, 2020
6:30 p.m.

Minutes

WELCOME/CALL TO ORDER: The meeting was called to order and attendees welcomed at 6:37 p.m. by President Dr. Delta Bowers.

COMMUNITY: Attendees recited the Pledge Allegiance to the Flag. Elected Officers to the NHCA Board were introduced and asked to stand. Dr. Bowers announced the passing of the mother of Ray Cunningham.

REVIEW/APPROVAL OF MINUTES: The NHCA minutes of June 6, 2020, were reviewed silently. Motioned by Friend Wells to approve the minutes as received. Seconded by Susan Wood. Motion carried.

NHCA BUSINESS

Security

President Bowers presented/introduced Officer Gough. She expressed appreciation of her service and recognized Officer Gough as an ambassador of security for our community. Officer Gough reported the following crime incidents as of August 1st to current: breaking and entering of a car; larceny; attempted scam soliciting bond for a grandson; catalytic converter stolen from vehicle; firearm stolen from unsecured vehicle; change and safe stolen; purse stolen from 2 cars with entry to the trunk and clothing also stolen from one; line cut and AC unit stolen; gun stolen. Officer Gough appealed to residents to keep their vehicles locked and personal items of value out of sight.

Residents presented concerns and Officer Gough responded accordingly.

1. Commercial trucks parked on corner at Cardova and Diane Lane daily for over 2 months. Reported to police who informed the vehicles were from Newport News. *Officer Gough suggested resident contact Bryant Hite, Community Maintenance representative.*
2. Speeding on St. Charles is still a problem; saw a child almost get hit; suggest speed bumps and a traffic light at St Charles and Parham. Also proposed sidewalks were never installed. *Officer Gough stated that a traffic survey had been conducted and it was determined that a light was not warranted. She will request traffic engineering to look into speed bumps and 4-way stop signs. Regarding the sidewalk, she will contact Frank Thornton, County Supervisor.*
3. Stop sign at Upham and 301 in a curve not visible coming from one direction. *Officer Gough will take pictures and follow up.*
4. Basketball courts on street at 2 locations create a traffic hazard with kids in the street. *Officer Gough will notify Mr. Hite, Community Maintenance.*

5. Brush blocking view of oncoming traffic at Damascus and Chamberlayne. *Officer Gough will follow up.*
6. Dr. Bowers expressed concern regarding the ongoing problem of the homeless in the streets, on Big Lots parking lot grassy area, living in vehicle on Walmart parking lot and some with children in tow. *Officer Gough reported that a count of the homeless is conducted 2x year. Resources are offered, residents are discouraged from giving money and a welfare check is conducted where children are involved. A food giveaway and bicycle tire repair occurs in the parking lot at Brookhill & Azalea shopping strip.*

Community Maintenance

Dr. Bowers referred residents to items noted on the agenda under this heading. She made an appeal to residents to be vigilant to these property maintenance areas. A 2-year resident of Sterling Forest reported and expressed concern at the number of roof replacements in the area. He inquired of the frequency. Response was given that roof replacement generally occurs around 20th year after construction.

County/Community Initiatives

President Bowers reported the following: Chickahominy Actors Theatre (CAT) 2020-2021 lease was granted a deferred rent cut at 50% for a 6-month period with the deferment to be paid in full by the end of the year. A new BBQ pit was installed on NHCA grounds using donated bricks. One of the facility restrooms will be renovated with an expanded entrance to meet ADA compliance. The estimated cost is \$1,800. Construction is underway at the corner of Wilkinson and Brook Road. The Days Inn hotel on Chamberlayne Road is finally coming down.

Resident Karen announced a sign posted at the Chamberlayne Farms Shopping Center notifying of a public hearing regarding Stanley Homes' proposal to construct new housing.

Mr. Bill Schmidt reported that monument signs paid for by Stanley Homes should be up by end of month at Dirk & Wilkerson and Haverhill. He further reported that National Night Out is scheduled October 6, 2020. This year the event will only be held at the Civic Center. Officer Gough said that she would check to see if other areas are having the event.

A document shred and electronic recycling event is scheduled October 3, on Parham Road.

Ms. Cathy Wysong distributed and reviewed a proposed fundraiser for a Drive-in Movie Night on NHCA grounds. The event would be hosted by Magic Special Events by Criterion. The proposal of 100 cars at \$40 each and concessions netting \$300 would generate \$4,300 less related operating costs of \$1,895. The net profit would be \$2,405. Attendees expressed interest in the event.

TREASURER'S REPORT

Mr. Philip Kirby, Treasurer, distributed and reviewed the financial report for the period of June 1, 2020 – August 31, 2020. He gave an overview of the CAT lease proposal with the deferred request. Highlighted costs included clean-up of Chickahominy Aquatics lot and parking lot,

building maintenance, bathroom renovation, BBQ pit construction, and print and post of annual mailing to neighbors. Mr. Kirby reported that we have contracted a new refuse company, Republic. The previous company went out of business without giving notice.

The NHCA account activity is as follows: beginning balance June 1, 2020, \$23,548.56; income YTD \$8,924.15; expenses \$8,887.71; cash balance as of August 31, 2020, \$23,585.00. Special note: Capital Campaign Funds of \$4,764.50 are inclusive in the balance.

Motioned by Friend Wells to approve the Financial Report for the period ending August 31, 2020, as presented. Seconded by Bill Schmidt. Motion carried

CHICKAHOMINY AQUATICS ASSOCIATION (CAA) COLLABORATION

Dr. Bowers reported that CAA has been unable to maintain the pool due to lack of funding vs operational costs. The CAA Board is proposing to close the pool and considering selling the property. We would like to maintain the pool in our neighborhood and believe that NHCA is a viable resource to support management and oversight. The CAA and NHCA Boards will need to meet to discuss a potential merger. Public records need to be reviewed to determine ownership of the parking lot. We will report back at the next meeting.

Resident whose property is adjacent to the parking lot expressed concern regarding lack of sufficient lighting in the parking lot area. She has noticed cars parked on the lot after hours. Dr. Bowers will follow up.

NHCA MEMBERSHIP DRIVE

Ms. Carmen Daugherty, VP Membership, reported 206 household memberships. Eighteen (18) contributed to the Capital Campaign. Nine (9) joined membership to Chickahominy Aquatics. Bill Schmidt announced the passing of 99 year old Martha Draper, longtime resident and supporter who lived in Strawberry Hill. Condolences were expressed.

FUNDRAISER (50/50)

\$46 was collected. \$23 was won by new member Wayne.

ADJOURNMENT

Without further business, the meeting adjourned at 8:35 p.m. Pizza was served.

Respectfully Submitted,

Phyllis M. Washington, Assistant Secretary