

Northern Henrico Civic Association

Community Meeting Minutes

Tuesday, March 14, 2023, 6:30 p.m.

WELCOME/CALL TO ORDER: The meeting was called to order at 6:45 p.m. by President Dr. Delta Bowers. Dr. Bowers extended a welcome to attendees and announced that tonight's meeting would be focused on Chamberlayne, security, money and community maintenance.

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

REVIEW/APPROVAL OF MINUTES 01/10/2023: Copies of the minutes were distributed and read silently. Correction noted to add the word *Northern* to Henrico Civic Association in Security report. ***Motioned by Lisa Walker to approve the minutes with the noted correction. Seconded by Marvin Tart. Motion carried.***

SECURITY: Officer Hearn introduced visiting Officer Michael Pfister, Henrico Police Department. Officer Hearn reported that crime has curbed but there is continued theft of Kia and Hyundai autos because of problem with easy entry starters. There is concern and ongoing investigation regarding firearms around Henrico schools. There has been an increase in shootings. Multiple arrests have been made. March Maintenance is a project that reaches out to the community to promote home safety. A wrap-up event of March Maintenance will be April 29. Officer Hearn shared that although he is sympathetic to residents' concerns regarding the Old Days Inn Project, the Police Department can only address security concerns. Other matters are under Henrico Planning Department.

In response to residents' concerns Officer Hearn stated the following: *Police staffing:* 40 additional slots are open. There are lots of proposed retirements on the table. *Pinpoint car theft area:* Mostly in apartment communities and mostly juvenile offenders who are not criminally charged but given interventions. *Speeding on residential streets/need more police patrol:* The Police Department has been inundated with radar requests. COVID period was not a priority as there was less traffic. As a result drivers became comfortable speeding. The police are back out to enforce. Residents were encouraged to report violation specifics to Traffic Safety, e.g. vehicle description and time of day.

NHCA BUSINESS

COUNTY/COMMUNITY INITIATIVES:

PROPOSED DEVELOPMENT VIRGINIA INN/DAYS INN SITE: Lisa Walker, VP Community Relations and Shari Mayer, a 35-year resident reported that they and a few residents attended the Planning Commission hearing on March 9, 2023, regarding construction at the referenced site. Fliers announcing the hearing were distributed only in a specific area close to the site. As well, a small sign was posted. Both forms of communication were considered insufficient to the larger affected community.

Attendees in opposition to the proposal were given ten (10) minutes to speak. Opposition included preference for upper class commercial construction; lack of public transportation; traffic impact concern; solar energy field; a best use study not conducted. After the brief time allowance, the developer spoke, and the Planning Commission approved to pass to the Henrico County Board of Supervisors.

Dr. Bowers stated that the proposed structures will house more residents than the County allows. There are currently seven (7) subsidized housing within five miles of the NHCA community. The argument that the NHCA community was not close enough to poll does not hold, as we were polled for the Stanley Homes development which is farther away.

Dr. Bowers called for a vote by show of hands in support/opposition of the proposed development at the Old Days Inn site. The majority vote, by a large show of hands, was in opposition.

In support of the vote a signed petition and a letter of opposition with proposed alternatives will be forwarded to the Henrico County Board of Supervisors.

LAKESIDE PARK CLUB: The Club will not close. A proposal has been made to pay off the debt and upgrade.

TREASURER'S REPORT: Phillip Kirby, Treasurer, distributed copies and reviewed the Financial Report for the period ending February 28, 2023.

Beginning cash balance as of Fiscal Year beginning JUNE 1, 2022 **\$18,088.61**

	ACTUAL	FISCAL YTD
Income	\$936.57	\$19,291.65
Less Expenses	<u>\$4,197.03</u>	<u>\$23,644.08</u>
Income over (under) expenses	(\$3,260.46)	(\$4,352.43)

Cash Balance FEBRUARY 28, 2023 **\$13,736.18***

*The account balance is inclusive of \$7,945.50 Capital Campaign Funds raised FY16-23

NHCA MEMBERSHIP DRIVE: Carmen Daugherty, VP Membership reported five (5) new memberships; two hundred eighteen (218) membership households and forty-two (42) household contributions to the Capital Campaign Fund. Ms. Daugherty highlighted benefits of membership.

MARKETING: Updated NHCA information is available on website www.nhcahenrico.org. We are also advertised on WREJ radio Jazz Show on Sundays, 10 a.m. - 12 noon.

50/50 RAFFLE: The 50/50 share in the amount of \$59 was won by Ms. Juanita Leatherberry.

ADJOURNMENT: With no further business the meeting was adjourned at 8:01 p.m.

Respectfully submitted,

Phyllis M. Washington, Assistant Secretary