

PARK VIEW CIVIC LEAGUE MEETING MINUTES ~ A QUALITY NEIGHBORHOOD

FEBRUARY 15, 2010

I. Opening comments by President Tony Goodwin

7:04pm Welcome of members given and request to approve minutes from January 2010's meeting. January minutes were approved unanimously. Dues are still due and should be given to the Treasurer.

II. Officer's Reports/Committee Chair Reports

A. President's Report - Tony Goodwin

The President notified the membership that the standing water located at Bay/Webster/Linden is in the process of being filled in for proper drainage, however, the work truck has repeatedly gotten stuck in the mud. He has put out our new A-Frame meeting reminder signs.

B. Vice-President's Report - Ion Raeburn

The Vice-President said that he will continue to work with our webmaster to keep our website updated. He is also working on mailers to the neighborhood and has a current quote of \$275 for 750 mailers. He will continue to look for cheaper alternatives.

C. Secretary's Report - Alycia Hemingway

The Secretary said that she is working on a database to track membership and will be printing member sheets for everyone to update their contract information in February.

D. Treasurer's Report - Helen Edge

The balance in our bank account is \$2,743.46 as of 1/31/2010. We took in \$187 in dues and \$50 donation. The President will submit his invoices for the new A-Frame meeting reminder signs.

E. Traffic/Safety Report - Officer Huneycutt

The City is planning to begin work on painting the pedestrian yields in the area of Crawford and Effingham. Elm property owners are working with the Police Department to reduce unwanted activity in the neighborhood. Larcenies are up everywhere in Virginia, including Portsmouth. Criminals are taking cooper that either are or are impersonating workmen/contractors. Neighbors should question unknown people in our neighborhood. Officer Tassin works in our neighborhood and was introduced.

III. Guest Speakers

A. Donna Corbus - Waste Management

Last year the city adopted all federal holidays so trash pick-up will be affected by these. A schedule was given to PVCL members. December 24th they will be off and early pick-up is scheduled for December 22nd. Fines will be given to property owners that leave trash in front of vacant properties; this is dumping and those properties do not pay trash pick-up fees. A few weeks after a storm Waste

Management will pick up contractor debris left, but otherwise contracts should dispose of their trash themselves.

B. David Felton - TFC Recycling

TFC Recycling has a service which will do curb-side pick-up of recyclables. Customers do not need to separate these and will receive a blue recycle bin similar to our trash cans. The service will pick-up bi-weekly. If Park View residents are interested we will need at least 10 households to participate.

IV. Old Business

A. New Civic League Meeting Reminder Signs

The President asked if the sign locations were okay; all members agreed they were. The President informed members that in addition to buying the signs he also purchased bicycle locks to secure them from theft and will submit for reimbursement.

B. Park View Portal/Entrance Signs

Dan Aston said that the Beazley Foundation declined to assist the PVCL with funding for the signage. The President called the city to see if PVCL could get a matching grant; no response on this yet. The cost was \$1,500 - \$1,800/sign which would total \$10,000. The Secretary asked Dan Aston if The Olde Towne Company would be willing to help with funding and the request was denied.

V. New Business

A. Special Events

Discussion on what members would like to do in the upcoming year. Discussed: Park View Night Out , Neighborhood Clean-Up/Cook-Out, Bi-Monthly Farmers Market, and 4th of July Party was thought to be a bad idea because everyone has other obligation - perhaps a summer party instead.

B. Neighborhood Park

The Secretary suggested PVCL members try to organize the creation of a park in Park View. There is a vacant lot at the bottom of Harrell St that is municipal property and we can look into. The president proposed enhancing the park next to the elementary school since members helped create it. Also mentioned was the area behind the Neat House that served as a park for the neighborhood in the past. This property is owned by The Pines, which gave us permission to use, as is the Neat house.

C. Paint Your Heart Out Day

The Secretary discussed this Day. It is a one-day community beautification project to paint low-income and elderly families homes and will be held on April 17th. If anyone is interested in forming a team or knows of someone in need please email me.

Adjourned meeting @ 8:15pm
Respectfully Submitted,

Alycia M Hemingway, Sec. PVCL

Next meeting is scheduled for March 15, 2010 at 7pm