

**PARK VIEW CIVIC LEAGUE MEETING MINUTES
A QUALITY NEIGHBORHOOD**

July 20, 2009

1) Opening comments by Vice President Tony Goodwin

7:05 P.M. BTO by Tony Goodwin. Opening Comments: Mr. Goodwin made a motion to approve the minutes. The minutes were approved by Mr. David Seletyn and second by Mr. Richard Schwartz.

2) Update from Officers

- A) Treasurer report - Helen E. Edge - report was given- \$2,611.46 and approved by Tony Goodwin
- B) Secretary report - Mel Milton – Minutes for June - reviewed and approved by David Seletyn and second by Mr. Richard Schwartz.

3) Traffic Committee

Concerns on traffic report by Gary Van Tassel. Stop signs at Sprately and Linden seem to be working. Also, please feel free to e-mail Mindy or Gary regarding any information on traffic issues in Historic Park View.

4) Members Chair Report

Gary Van Tassel – Neighborhood Watch concerning some activity at Bay and Webster. Mrs. Slowley indicated that many problems arise with unruly neighbors and the matter should be handled immediately with the magistrate's office. Slowley further stated that many members shared similar concerns about our community.

Tony Goodwin - Vice President Membership. Report regarding National Night Out. The Downtown Loop has improved its route. Copies are available at city hall and on the web at gohrt.com – or call: 757-222-6100.

5) Update from Officer Scott Huneycutt – NEAT Officer

Officer Huneycutt continues to work in our neighborhood. Officer Huneycutt encourages members to call 911 or call him at 757-235-5669. Officers Moore and Gardner are working with Officer Huneycutt to work closely with our civic league. Officer Moore and Officer Gardner will be patrolling the downtown district. Officer Huneycutt made mention of child abuse and neglect. We will hopefully do something about children who are neglected by parents. There are several cases in Virginia where parents have been charged with misdemeanors as it relates to child neglect. Officer Huneycutt feels the city of Portsmouth will take the necessary steps to enforce cases of child neglect and abuse. Officer Huneycutt gave a report that Park View community is pretty tranquil.

**6) Public Speaker: Ronnie Clements - Historic Preservation Committee -
Portsmouth Planning Department**

Mr. Clements addressed concerns about any changes made to your home should *first* come to Planning for an administrative approval. When it comes to major changes, one will have to make application to the HPC. Some examples of major changes are: changing the color of a home, changing windows, changing the exterior, and changing the historic character of the home. For further information, kindly contact Mr. Clements: 757-393-8836 Ext. 4213.

7) Tony Goodwin - Downtown/Midtown Tunnels Toll Project

It appears that the tolls are coming back. A panel of members (VDOT), Downtown Portsmouth Businesses, Engineers and other organizations/board members are making decisions on the cost of tolls. Tolls may go into effect within a year. The cost would be \$2.00-\$3.00 and may decrease as low as \$1.50 one way. For more information, kindly speak with your local congress persons or Governor Kaine at 804-786-2211 and remind them they promised “**NO TOLLS ON OLD ROADS.**”

8) Old Business

- A) **Signage for Park View.** Signage in the neighborhood: A Welcome to Park View Community sign is in the working stages. Signage information will be e-mailed to Park View Civic League members.
- B) **Circa Signage** for Individual Homes – Mr. Aston distributed literature pertaining to the SignMedia Inc.

9) New Business

A. National Night Out and Cook Out

10) Adjournment: 8:10 p.m.

Our website is in the making and will be an informative tool for newcomers as well as our present resident. This will be a wonderful working and productive tool for increasing our website usage. The site is: www.ParkViewCivicLeague.org.

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Respectfully Submitted,

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Next meeting is scheduled for August 17, 2009