

PARK VIEW CIVIC LEAGUE MEETING MINUTES A QUALITY NEIGHBORHOOD

MARCH 16, 2009

1) Opening comments by President Daniel W. Aston

7:03 P.M. BTO by Dan Aston. Mr. Aston made mention that we need to make sure that members' e-mail addresses are included when signing in. This will greatly help in distributing the minutes to each member prior to the next April 20, 2009 meeting.

2) Update from Officers

- a) Treasurer report - Helen E. Edge - report was given- \$2,371.46 and approved by Dan Aston and second by Mel Milton.
- b) Secretary report - Mel Milton – February's minutes were reviewed and approved by Dan Aston and second by Michelle Slowey.

3) Public Speakers: Watson - Sheriff

There was a discussion regarding curfew hours for youths. Basically, parents are responsible for their children. The sheriff is considering utilizing a holding cell for juveniles where it is working in the Cradock community. Hopefully this process will work in Park View. For additional information call 393-5416. Sheriff Watson and Officer Huneycutt are working together in an effort to alleviate the problem.

Cara Caudwell is chairperson for the 2009 Elizabeth River Relay. The ERR for the American Cancer Society is doing some exciting things this year. The organization started in 1985 and has raised \$3 billion to fund the ACS. Of course, 90% of funds raised goes to research and 10% goes toward other resources. The Relay For Life will entertain the community concerning ways to fight cancer in a particular community. For more information, please go to the website www.TheRelayForLife.org.

Mr. Thornwell Long – Portsmouth City Assessor's Office. He shared information regarding tax exemptions and the processes involved in making application. He further stated this is an excellent program in that if a person purchases a home, the taxes may be reduced over a 10-year period. In the long run there may be a substantial amount of savings on a person's taxes. Mr. Long reviewed the Rehabilitation Exemptions-General Guidelines and pointed out that further questions may be entertained by calling 393-8631.

Ms. Dottie Lindley will host the Garden Club Tour which is scheduled for April 18, 2009 in the historic district of Park View. She indicated that Park View has been chosen to profile selected homes in our district. Mr. Aston made mention that Park View is on the rise and that we need more dumpsters to perform a clean-up campaign. Hosted homes are as follows: 200 Hatton Street, 1034 Naval Avenue, 958 Naval Avenue, and the Cedar Grove Cemetery (where docents will share historical information regarding those who served our country) just to highlight a few.

Tickets are \$22.00. The tickets are \$25.00 on the day of the event. If one wishes to purchase on-line, please go to www.vagardenweek.org. Park View has been chosen to profile our homes in our district.

4) Traffic Committee

Mindy Skipper introduced Mr. Dan Aston and he expressed his concerns about a letter he forwarded to Elizabeth Psimas concerning the overall traffic situation in Park View. The traffic situation will be looked into. Please feel free to e-mail Mindy regarding any information on traffic issues in historic Park View.

- Sheriff Watson and Officer Huneycutt discussed the codes and violation concerning the parking of tractor trailers.

5) Update from Neighborhood NEAT Officer

Officer Huneycutt gave a report that Park View community is pretty tranquil. He suggested to exercise the use of a canvassing program which he has working in the West Park View District. He pointed out that our neighbors are communicating in an effective and efficient manner in an effort to improve our community. Overall, our community is very safe and peaceful.

6) Old Business

Signage in the neighborhood: A Welcome to Park View Community sign is in the working stages. The neighborhood watch committee suggested funding literature for the Park View community and that Officer Huneycutt may exercise a similar process as in the West Park View community.

7) New Business

Michelle Slowey made mention about the bad conditions of properties owned by PRHA, i. e. poor maintenance of vacant properties on Webster Avenue.

8) Comments

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

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**Adjourned meeting @ 8:01 p.m.
Respectfully Submitted,**

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Next meeting is scheduled for April 20, 2009