

FAIRFIELD CIVIC LEAGUE
MEETING MINUTES
FEBRUARY 9, 2015

Matt Maxwell, President Fairfield Civic League, opened the meeting at 7:00 pm with 45 residents/guests in attendance. After the Pledge of Allegiance, Matt introduced Clay Bernick, VA Beach Planning Department, Environment and Sustainability Administrator, who provided an update and discussion of the Kempsville Area. Below is summary of his comments with questions from the Civic League.

- Road Intersection – The project is now officially on the Virginia Beach city website for completion May 2015. That means the construction will be completed, but not all landscaping which is planted in the fall. He did not have a schedule for the LED streetlight installation. He noted that in other areas of VB the white light provided by the lighting has been an upgrade to the older lights.
- The intersection dedication date has not been decided but may coincide with the Emmanuel Church recognition of Nov 14th or the date of a skirmish during the Revolutionary War here in Kempsville.
- Housing area – as most know, we have eagles nesting. The contractor has been delayed until eggs hatch and then when the birds are old enough to leave the nest, possibly this summer. If the eggs do not hatch, the project will move forward at an earlier date. The contractor is planning on phasing the project, i.e. start with the school but this will have to be in compliance with the U.S. Fish and Wildlife Service National Bald Eagle Management Guidelines.
- Walgreens commercial mall area will be colonial style. No updates at this time.
- East of baseball field is being rezoned and we should see some signs going up for the rezoning.
- West of Lord Dunmore – Princess Anne the road will be raised to join the new bridge. The reason for this work is due to flooding. Home owners expressed concern that culverts on Princess Anne and Kempsville Roads have been widened yet the primary drainage culvert for the Fox Run Canal on Lord Dunmore Drive has not changed. *The residents backing the canal still have problems with flooding.*
- Traffic calming measures held in abeyance until construction completed so that the new traffic patterns can be assessed. Homeowners commented that traffic has not improved with the new light at Oakmears Crescent.
- A canoe/kayak launch is planned next to bridge/culvert on Princess Anne and behind the brick house that was relocated as part of the project. Dedicated parking is planned to allow folks to launch, most likely when tides are favorable. He did not provide a date when funds will be available to design and construct the launch.
- The former Long John Silvers/Mexican restaurant land is owned by City and will be rezoned to conform to the planned historical look of the area.
- The next phase of work along Witchduck will be to expand to six lanes North of the 264 bypass. The Witchduck off ramp will require the road to six to four lanes under bridge. Replacing of the bridge and expanding the number of lanes has not been addressed in the near future.

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- A flyover is planned to connect Greenwich Road to Cleveland Street, near newspaper plant.
- Social Services Center is being planned for the old Kempsville Lumber site on Witchduck Road. Currently this facility is under design.
- The Kempsville Recreational Center construction is to begin when the facility closes on February 20th.
- Kempsville was once sought after area to live because of the schools. We have seen test scores in the high school declining. The demographic and buildings in neighborhoods of an aging area sometimes gives the area a 'worn' look. The new shopping area at intersection is an attempt to get people to want to invest in the area. The next school to be renovated is Princess Anne HS. It is important to understand the role of the City's code enforcement to maintain properties.
- Pattern Book is now available and gives ideas of design to ensure your addition or change to your residence will complement your house and the neighborhood.
- Steve Mannix is our Citizens Advisory Council representative. Storm drainage issues, traffic calming, etc. should go through him to move items of concern to the city level. It is important that all the Kempsville Civic Leagues remain engaged in this council so that they can work together.

Old Business:

On behalf of Betty Virok, Treasurer, Kathy provided the following Treasurer report:

Starting balance 8/31/2014:	\$ 832.84
Current balance:	\$ 1166.84
Total Year-To-Date income:	\$ 384.00
Memberships (32):	\$ 384.00
Total Year-To-Date Expenses:	\$ 50.00

New Business:

Matt introduced Frank Albero. Four years ago Frank met with Clay Bernick to place something at the park in recognition of the Kempsville Pony League that has been a fixture of Kempsville for over 50 years. March 28, 2015 will be the dedication with a statue of 13 year-old baseball player titled, "**Good Game**". The statue will stand in a field of etched pavers. Pavers are still for sale at \$75 (4 x 8) or \$250 (8x8). Although the date has passed for etched pavers to be included prior to the dedication, Frank will continue to place etched pavers (possibly twice a year).

A motion was made for the Civic League to purchase an etched paver for the statue area by the gazebo. With a second motion and vote, the motion was passed.

Last week of April is the Garden Sale.

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Thank you to Leya Macchi who has volunteered to head up our spring activity in the park. If you are interested in helping Leya, please contact her at 407-967-6214 or leya.macchi@gmail.com.

Matt then introduced Greg Ferritto. Greg recently returned to Kempsville upon retirement and is volunteering for Gary McCollum, Democrat – State Senate seat in district 7 and will be running against Frank Wagner.

Meeting was adjourned at 7:56 pm