

Fairfield Civic League Meeting

April 3, 2017

28 attendees

The meeting began at 7:10pm with the Pledge of Allegiance led by Civic League President, Matt Maxwell. Mr. Dave Forester, VDOT's Senior Communications Specialist for the Hampton Roads District and Ms. Salvija Hofheimer, C.E. came to the meeting to provide information about the plans and construction of the 264 Greenwich Road Flyover by VDOT. They brought with them large project boards detailing the 264/64 construction project and surrounding area, allowing the attendees to visualize the scope of the project. This project will alleviate one of the most accident prone zones in our area - the exit ramp at westbound I-64 heading to Newtown Road and I-264.

Mr. Forester and Ms. Hofheimer, who is the project manager, explained that road studies began in 2002 and it was a lengthy, multiphase process to get this project where it is today. The information below came from <http://www.i64i264improvements.org/>, the VDOT website that provides all the information about the project and the construction status.

The I-64/I-264 Interchange Improvements Project, over two phases, will provide approximately 4 miles of interstate improvements from the Twin Bridges in Norfolk to the Witchduck Road interchange in Virginia Beach. The improvements will provide additional capacity, reduce daily congestion and improve safety and traffic operations in the corridor.

This project will be built in two phases. The Virginia Department of Transportation (VDOT) will manage construction through two separate construction contracts. Phase I is fully funded, with funding by the Hampton Roads Transportation Accountability Commission through the Hampton Roads Transportation Fund (HRTF), as well as from federal and state resources. Phase II has been funded for right of way and design and development through the HRTF and state and federal resources.

Phase one construction started in November 2016 and the completion date is October 2019.

The Phase 1 improvements include:

Widening of I-64 west between the Twin Bridges and the I-264 interchange (Phase I)

Two new ramps from I-64 west to I-264 east (Phase I)

A new system of collector-distributor (CD) roads on I-264 east (Phase I)

The contract for Phase 2 construction has not been awarded yet.

Phase 2 improvements:

Upgraded interchanges at Newtown and Witchduck Roads (Phase II)

A Greenwich Road flyover across I-264 that connects with Cleveland Street (Phase II)

Mr. Forester and Ms. Hofheimer answered several questions about the project. For any additional questions or information they suggested going to <http://www.i64i264improvements.org> or calling Mr. Forester directly at 757 925 2583 or his cell at 757 477 6569.

Civic League Business:

Betty Virok gave the treasurer's report and stated there are 83 dues paying members of the civic league.

Matt told the group that he had just receive new information regarding the closure of the north end of Lord Dunmore Drive from Mr. Robert Gey, the traffic engineer for Virginia Beach. Once Matt and the civic league traffic committee review it, it will be shared it with the civic league.

There have been some complaints from Fairfield residents on Rolleston Road that the lighting at the new apartment complex was shining into bedrooms because the fixtures were not at a downward angle. Doug McLiverty approached the builder, Jack Pope about this because the exterior lighting around the complex is extremely bright and multidirectional. Mr. Pope stated he was concerned about vandalism and the safety of the apartment residents, and had no plans to change the lighting. Doug is now pursuing this with the City of Virginia Beach.

Matt stated that at the June meeting the Civic League will elect new officers. Anyone interested in taking an active role in our Civic League should contact Matt Maxwell at matt.maxwell@gmail.com. Our next two Civic League meetings will be May 1st and June 6th.

Please support the Fairfield Garden Club Plant Sale on April 29th and 30th.

The meeting was adjourned at 8:05.