

## Fairfield Civic League Meeting

June 5, 2017

31 attendees

The meeting began at 7:10 with a moment of silence for Dick Knight, one of the founding members of the Fairfield Civic League who recently passed away. Dick organized our first neighborhood watch program with every household in Fairfield participating and organized the holiday flagging program in Fairfield. President Matt Maxwell led the assembly in the Pledge of Allegiance then introduced our speaker, Mr. Mark Johnson, Virginia Beach Public Works Operations Engineer. Mr. Mark Jones who oversees the Engineer Group also attended. Mr. Johnson started his slide show presentation by highlighting some of his areas of responsibility including storm water, street maintenance, tree maintenance, and mosquito control. One area that is of great concern to citizens and city leaders alike is the flooding that has become a continuing problem in many areas of Virginia Beach. The changes that have been observed are a result of sea level rise, increase in frequency and intensity of rainfall, and storm water drainage issues. The Public Works Department is working to update the City's Storm Water Master Plan, which is the drainage plan for the 31 watersheds. In Fairfield, the city will be conducting a drainage study that will continue through 2019. The city has also contracted with Tri -State Utilities to clean and restore the sewer and drainage systems back to their original standard. This will involve cleaning drainage pipes and monitoring the pipes with cameras. Several civic league members in attendance have seen large debris (tires, truck grills) in many of the canals. Mr. Johnson asked Fairfield residents to report these to Public Works so that this debris can be picked up. It was brought to Mr. Johnson's attention that many back yards and front yards along Rolleston Drive flood after a rain event since the construction of the new apartments began and continues now. These residents had pictures of their flooded yards, and relayed their conversations and experiences with city officials and the builder in an effort to resolve their flooding issues without any progress. Mr. Johnson agreed to meet with this group of residents after the meeting and stated he would work with them to find a resolution.

Mr. Johnson stated that the City has authorized his department to install one speed table along Lord Dunmore. The speed table will be installed at the location of the creek along Lord Dunmore between Balboa Drive and Baptist Circle. Although two speed tables were previously offered by the City, a location for the 2<sup>nd</sup> speed table that would not interfere with someone's driveway or an intersection could not be identified. No start date for this work was given.

Matt introduced the people who have volunteered to be upcoming officers –

President - Doug McLiverty

Vice Presidents - Mark Beers and Matt Maxwell

Treasurer - Betty Virok

Secretary – Barb Conyers

There were no nominations from the floor. The slate of officers was approved by vote of all those in attendance. Doug McLiverty stated that anyone who wanted to be part of the board would be welcomed. Being a part of the civic league in any capacity is strictly voluntary. However, the presence and activism of our Fairfield Civic league is critical if we are to maintain our community's voice in the City.

The meeting adjourned at 8:25.