

## Fairfield Civic League Meeting

May 1, 2017

21 attendees

The meeting began at 7:05 pm. Representatives of the Kempsville Recreation Center, Berta Kisna and Paula Couto, were introduced by Doug McLiverty. They provided an overview of the construction process and the new facilities which include indoor pool, indoor track, large gymnasium, youth game room and meeting rooms. The Center will open on June 8<sup>th</sup>. As part of this grand opening, visitors without a membership can try out the new facilities starting the afternoon of June 8<sup>th</sup> until June 11<sup>th</sup>. There will be lots of demonstrations, fitness classes, and activities for children. The official opening day will be Monday, June 11<sup>th</sup>. The regular fitness schedule for all classes offered at the Center will be completed and posted the beginning of June.

The Treasurer's report was presented and includes funding for the next Fairfield newsletter.

Doug has been in contact with the 4<sup>th</sup> precinct regarding the presence of the police in our neighborhood. There was concern expressed that there seems to be a decreased police presence in Fairfield and therefore the lack of enforcement of drivers speeding through the neighborhood. In addition large delivery trucks (Garda, Hoffman beverage trucks and Food Lion 18 wheelers) routinely use Lord Dunmore despite posted signs prohibiting truck traffic. The 4th Precinct has been parking a police car in the neighborhood as a deterrent. Unfortunately the 4th precinct covers a large area and a constant police presence is not possible. It was also noted that there have been random gunshots along Kempsville Road late at night (early morning) that have been reported to the police.

The traffic committee reported the details of their meeting with the City Traffic Engineer and the City Manager regarding the next steps needed to reduce the volume and speed of traffic along Lord Dunmore Drive. The traffic engineer suggested that 4 to 6 speed tables be installed along Lord Dunmore Drive. Their experience has shown that these speed tables do not reduce the volume of traffic, but can slow the speed of the traffic. <https://nacto.org/publication/urban-street-design-guide/street-design-elements/vertical-speed-control-elements/speed-table/> The city manager has agreed to have two of the speed tables installed along Lord Dunmore Drive. One will be between Baptist Circle and Balboa Drive. The other one will be closer to the shopping center, but the exact location has not been determined. The residents in attendance at the Civic League meeting agreed that the speed tables could be helpful. However, the speed tables alone will not resolve the traffic issues along Lord Dunmore Drive and therefore we will continue to pursue additional options including the temporary trial closure of Lord

Dunmore at the north end. It was noted that there is often traffic congestion at Lord Dunmore and Oakmeads Crescent due to the increased traffic around the apartments. Traffic coming out of the apartments on Oakmeads Crescent has the right of way going straight. Cars on Lord Dunmore must yield to apartment residents.

The meeting was adjourned at 8:15pm.