

Fairfield Civic League

October 2, 2016

37 in attendance at the Fairfield Elementary School Cafeteria

Doug McLiverty called the meeting to order at 7pm. Following the Pledge of Allegiance, Doug stated that we would have the opportunity to learn a little bit about several City Council candidates and ask each one questions. Each candidate was allotted 10 minutes.

The candidates in attendance and their themes:

**Courtney Lalonde** – At Large <http://www.courtneylalonde.com/platforms.html>

Sports Marketing to promote sporting events year around

Flood Mitigation utilizing the National Flood Insurance Program to reduce insurance premiums

Multimodal Transportation to promote greater connectivity in Virginia Beach and Hamptons Roads

Economic Development – pro-business approach to bring “careers” to the people of Virginia Beach

**Pam Witham** - At Large <http://www.pamwitham.com/>

Against the expansion of light rail

Promote historical tourism in the area

**Dane Blythe** - At Large <http://www.blytheforcycouncil.com>

John Moss – spoke on behalf of Mr. Blythe in his absence. Mr. Moss stated that Mr. Blythe is well aware that to be an informed City Council member it takes a lot of time. A City Council member spends the weekend reviewing pertinent meeting documents, submitting questions and comments on Monday, then attends the City Council meeting on Tuesday. In addition, Mr. Blythe is aware of the city’s financial and economic status.

**Robert Dean**- Rosewood seat <http://robertdeanforcycouncil.com/>

Opposing incumbent City Council Member , Shannon Kane

Against light rail expansion

No tax or fee increases

Eliminate regulations that prevent job growth

**Jessica Abbott** – Kempsville seat <https://jessicapabbott.com>

Opposing incumbent City Council member , Amelia Ross Hammond

Against increased spending by city government

Against light rail expansion

City Council needs a fresh perspective

Following the candidates forum, Doug reminded those in attendance that the Fairfield Garden Club would have their fall plant sale October 8<sup>th</sup>, on Locke Lane by the 500 year old oak.

Steven Mannix who is a member of the Historic Kempsville Development Plan Committee stated that he has been very frustrated with the City because they have not been responsive to the needs and requests of the citizens. As examples - the aerator in “park” area at Princess Anne and Kempsville has not been functioning for 9 months. The City’s response has been that they are working on it. When replacements for bent street signs were requested, the answer was the City doesn’t have the funds to replace them.

The meeting was adjourned by Doug at 8:10 pm.