

Fairfield Civic League Meeting Minutes

October 2, 2017

Doug McLiverty, President of the Fairfield Civic League, opened the meeting at 7:00pm with the pledge of allegiance. Following the pledge of allegiance the meeting began with Meet the Candidates for State Delegate. Candidates Cheryl Turpin and Rocky Holcomb each had 5 minutes to speak, answered questions, and provided a 2 minute closing statement. Once Delegate candidates were done speaking, Candidate for Treasurer Kim Bentley was provided a few minutes to introduce himself.

Meet the Candidates closed at 7:35 pm, a 10 minute break was provided and the meeting reconvened at 7:45 pm.

President Doug McLiverty provided an update:

1. Please join the Civic League, it is \$15, the form can be found on the Fairfield website - fairfieldcivicleague.org.
2. Over the summer there was a lot of conversation over the various forms of social media- Facebook and nextdoor.com, while these forums are great for discussing car break-ins and lost dogs it is not where the civic league will make decisions or discuss traffic issues. If you wish to join the conversation, bring forward concerns, or vote on items - this is done at the civic league meetings.
3. Fairfield garden Club- plant Sale will occur on Saturday, Oct 14th, 2017 8am-4pm. One day only! 5244 Lock Lane, off Lord Dunmore. Proceeds go toward the maintenance of the entrance flower beds and signs.
4. The civic league currently needs a newsletter editor, please let the civic league know if you are willing to assist with this.
5. Vehicles were riffled through as they were left unlocked, while we live in a safe neighborhood please remember to lock your car doors and roll up your windows.
6. Traffic- Mark Beers
 - The goal is that the Civic League meetings are used for more than debating traffic issues but to improve our neighborhood over all, however the goal of the traffic committee is to reduce traffic and speeds.
 - While over the years the traffic calming measures have been effective for reducing speed, it has not reduced traffic. In fact we have seen an increase in traffic volume, the average now is 6,000 cars a day on Lord Dunmore.
 - Roughly a year ago the civic league proposed a temporary closure of Lord Dunmore at the north end (At Princess Anne Road), this was voted on at the civic league meeting and won the majority. At this point the traffic committee began pursuing the temporary closure with the City of Virginia Beach.
 - Going forward the traffic committee will not continue to debate the issue but instead continue forward with the trial closure.
 - In order to proceed with the trial closure of 6 months, the city has provided a petition area and requires 75% approval
 - The traffic committee has rezoned the map, added pros and cons, and measures of success. The proposal will go back to the city for approval.
 - Once approved by the city, the civic league will have to go door to door to get signatures from those that live in the petition area.

- If the trial closure does not meet the measures of success then the road will be re-opened. Some of these measures are - 75% reduction of traffic on LDD, cannot more than double traffic counts on Fairfield Blvd or Lock Lane.
- If the trial closure meets the measures of success then the civic league will vote on a permanent closure.