

Fairfield Civic League Meeting Minutes

October 1, 2018

42 attendees

The meeting was called to order at 7:05 by the First Vice President, Kelly Rippard. After leading the assembly in the Pledge of Allegiance, Kelly recognized the many candidates present who are running for election on November 6th and want to address the Fairfield Civic League. Each candidate was given 5 minutes to provide information about themselves and their platform, then attendees had the opportunity to questions.

The following candidates spoke at the civic league meeting:

Linda Bright – City Council, member at large

<https://lindabrightvb.com/>

Cole Trower – spokesman for Dee Oliver, City Council, member at large

<http://deeolivervb.com/>

David Weiner – spokesman for Karen Kwasny – City Council – Princess Anne District

<https://karenkwasny.com/>

RK Kowalewitch, City Council, Beach District

<https://www.facebook.com/RKforCityCouncil/>

Sabrina Wooten, City Council, Centerville District

<https://www.goresearch.me/sabrina-wooten-for-virginia-beach-city-council>

While each City Council candidate had different qualifications, they all recognized flooding issues, unstaffed police force, teachers salaries, and the homeless as city problems that need to be addressed.

It was noted that there are 6 city council seats that will be filled by the election on November 6th and Virginia Beach residents can vote for any of the candidates running in a specific district or and candidates running for an at large seat.

Mr. Steve Johnston, school board candidate also addressed the meeting.

<http://stephenjohnstonvb.com/>

All the candidates were invited to stay until after the brief business meeting to talk with meeting attendees.

Business meeting

Because this was the 1st meeting after the summer break, Kelly introduced the Civic League Board.

Doug McLiverty – President (not in attendance)

Kelly Rippard – 1st Vice President

Mark Beers – 2nd Vice President

Betty Virok – Treasurer

Barb Conyers – Secretary

Steve Mannix – representative to the Kempsville Historic Citizen's Action Committee

Treasury Report

Current balance \$813.28

128 Civic League memberships

The treasury is paying for the printing and mailing of a spring and fall newsletter to all Fairfield residents.

Secretary Report

The May 2018 civic league meeting minutes were reviewed and approved.

Historic Kempsville Citizens Action Committee (CAC) – Steve Mannix and David Weiner

Steve reported that the city is purchasing the parcels of land in the Northeast quadrant of the Kempsville/Witchduck/Princess Anne Roads and there they are working with a developer who wants to utilize that area.

The current zoning in the area is B4K which limits what can be developed in this area. The CAC has been working with the city to make the zoning less restrictive to allow for some development. However it restricts open 24 hour establishments and stores with gas pumps. At 9 am on Wednesday, October 10th there will be a meeting about this plan that has been tentatively agreed upon at the Courthouse, Building 1, in the City Council chambers. There is some concern from Steve and David that there are individuals who may be present and want to change this agreement to include 24 hour convenient stores with gas pumps. Steve and David encouraged anyone who is able to come out and speak at this meeting against gas pumps and businesses that want to be open 24 hours.

If this issue is not resolved due to any conflict, it will be put on the City Council agenda.

Kelly encouraged all Fairfield residents to become a part of the Fairfield Civic League and get involved.

Upcoming Activities

Fairfield Garden Club Plant Sale

8am – 4pm, Saturday October 6th 5244 Locke Lane

Fairfield Civic League Food Drive – October 6 – October 21

Drop off items at

641 Rosaer Dr

604 Lord Dunmore Drive

Military Appreciation Night/Civic League meeting - November 5th 7pm

Hot Chocolate in the park 1pm, November 17th

Holiday Social/ Civic League Meeting – December 3, 7pm