

Fairfield Civic League Minutes

December 3, 2018

The meeting was brought to order at 7:05 pm by Civic League President, Doug McLiverty with 30 people in attendance.

Following the Pledge of Allegiance, Doug McLiverty, introduced Ms. Marie Roberson who wanted to inform the civic league that the Pleasant Hall property, currently owned by Kempsville Baptist Church is now for sale. Marie along with Marycarolyn France is advocating that the property not be sold to a commercial entity. They would like to be an important part of the history of Kempsville. Marie gave a brief history of the area surrounding the property called Kemps Landing and Pleasant Hall. The house which is 239 year old sits on 2.1 acres and is in pristine condition. It was the headquarters of the British Loyalist, Lord Dunmore and it is possible that Benedict Arnold visited Pleasant Hall. The property is being sold for \$975,000 because Kempsville Baptist Church cannot continue to maintain the property. Marie and Marycarolyn have gone to City Council Member Jessica Abbot and Rosemarie Wilson asking for the city's financial support to purchase the property. They were told to seek the support of the surrounding communities before these two council members would support the efforts to keep Pleasant Hall out of the hands of a commercial developer. Pleasant Hall is on the register of historic properties so it could not be torn down, but there could be development virtually up to the doors of the building. Marie proposes Pleasant Hall could be a community center hosting groups. In addition, there are large rooms that could accommodate formal events such as weddings. Marie and Marycarolyn asked Fairfield residents to contact Jessica Abbot (jabbot@vbgov.com) and Rosemary Wilson (rcwilson@vbgov.com) expressing support to maintain Pleasant Hall as a community historical site and not a commercial property.

The business portion of the meeting followed this presentation.

Treasurer's Report:

Current balance \$2267.36

Year to date expenses \$25.00

Upcoming expenses will include the cost of printing and mailing the civic league newsletter.

Meeting Minutes:

It was noted the minutes of the November 5, 2018 meeting were posted on the civic league website and were part of the circulating pre-meeting PowerPoint slides.

New Business:

Doug informed the meeting that on December 17th that member of the Civic League Traffic committee were meeting with Virginia Beach Traffic to obtain information regarding the traffic counts from the past surveillance and also options the city can offer to alleviate the volume, speed, and noise of the traffic through the neighborhood.

Kelly Rippard announced that the neighborhood yard sale will be April 27th.

The dates for the upcoming meetings are:

February 4th

March 4th

May 6th

The meeting adjourned at 7:35 pm, so everyone could have the opportunity to enjoy the holiday refreshments and socialize.