

Fairfield Civic League Meeting

March 4, 2019

43 attendees

At 7:05 pm, Civic League President, Doug McLiverty called the meeting to order and lead the group in the Pledge of Allegiance before introducing the evening's guest, Virginia Beach Mayor, Bobby Dyer.

The Mayor addressed the Civic League about his vision for Virginia Beach and concerns about the city. Mayor Dyer praised Fairfield Civic League for its activism and especially Doug McLiverty for being a driving force of the civic league. He wants everyone in Virginia Beach to feel like they have a say in city government and feels strongly about inclusion of all groups. He spoke about leveling the playing field. The focus areas that he identified as concerns are -

1. Storm water management and the flooding issues in specific neighborhoods
2. Modernization of the city's schools; upgrading security and quality of the education
3. Economic development
4. The public's general distrust of government

Mayor Dyer answer several questions from attendees.

He did not express an interest in bringing the Light Rail to Virginia Beach. He stated that there are future technologies that will allow transportation that is more efficient to be developed in Virginia Beach.

When questioned about the number and quality of apartments currently under construction, Mayor Dyer stated it is what the current zoning allows.

He believes the Sportplex will soon be able to host large events and supports the construction of the Surf Park at the Oceanfront.

Mayor Dyer is working on a presentation and a schedule for "meet and greet" events throughout the city.

Following Mayor Dyer's presentation, the business portion of the civic league meeting continued.

The minutes of the February civic league meeting were approved.

The treasurer stated that the civic league has 116 registered members and an account balance of \$818.55.

Doug McLiverty gave a very brief overview of the traffic committee meeting that was held to discuss options that the city presented at the February meeting. This included more speed tables along Lord Dunmore, full closure of Lord Dunmore at the North end, full closure of Lord Dunmore between Baptist Circle and Balboa, and the one-way closure of South bound traffic on Lord Dunmore. The civic league meeting on April 1st will be entirely focused on traffic. The plan is to break up in small groups for the 1st half of the meeting to discuss these options and then have the full membership come to some agreement on an option/s the civic league prefers. The city will be informed of the civic league' decision.

Finally, on April 27th from 8am until 2pm there will be a neighborhood yard sale. Please contact Kelly Rippard at kellyrippard@gmail.com if you want to participate.

The meeting adjourned at 7:50pm