

## Fairfield Civic League minutes of 10 February 2020

### Officers present:

Vice President: Somer Dimaya

Treasurer: Betty Virok

Secretary: Paul Schultz

Traffic Committee Chair: Doug McLiverty

Historic Kempsville Citizen's Advisory Committee Rep.: Stephen Mannix

The meeting began at 7:00 pm with the participation of the Boy scout color guard and the pledge of allegiance. Following the pledge, VP Somer Dimaya welcomed Assistant Principal, Mrs. Caitlin Stravino of Kempsville High School (KHS). Mrs. Stravino began with a intro slide of the administrative team at KHS (a full list of the KHS staff can be found at ([https://kempsvillehs.vbschools.com/our\\_school/our\\_staff](https://kempsvillehs.vbschools.com/our_school/our_staff))). She spoke about the recent renovations, the KHS Entrepreneurship and Business Academy (where students who qualify can earn an Associate's Degree while in high school). The Academy is in its fourth year and will be graduating it's first class this year. Overall the school has 1800 students. She also covered social media trends and tips, as well as facts about vaping and high schoolers.

At approximately 7:10 pm Grassroots Coordinator Casey Shaw of the **Elizabeth River Project** gave a presentation covering a short history of the Elizabeth river, it's near death and current state of recovery. Highlights were the restoration of over 1800 acres of watershed since 1983 with the voluntary cooperation of 134 businesses, making Paradise Creek Nature Park in Portsmouth, the largest restored wetland park in the state The Elizabeth River that runs throughout Kempsville is part of that watershed. She also talked about that can be done that are environmentally friendly to the wetlands that homeowners can do such as creating living shorelines and buffers to keep the river healthy as well as becoming a River Star Home:

- Create your most beautiful lawn ever - while helping restore the Elizabeth River.
- Reduce pollution and help prevent algae blooms
- FREE advice on how to sustain a healthy lawn without chemicals
- Analysis of your soil sample
- For more information go to: (<https://elizabethriver.org/organic-lawn-care-makeovers>)

**Treasurer report:** \$2,078.15 on hand. The League currently has 93 members.

**Historical committee:** No Revised drawings have been presented as yet. Will let civic League know when revised drawings become available.

**Traffic Committee:** Have received pushback form city on proposals made so far.

### Upcoming schedule:

Next civic meeting on 16 March

Neighborhood yard sale on 25 April.

7:40 pm. It was reported that Dominion Energy has an underground program to bury transmission lines. Nothing is planned for the Fairfield in the immediate future.

7:45 pm. Meeting closed.