



## Freemason Street Area Association

March, 18, 2015  
Blocker Norfolk YMCA  
General Meeting Minutes

**Meeting Called to Order** by Jack Kavanaugh at 7:10 pm

**Roll Call** – members present: Jack Kavanaugh, Ginger Van de Water, Sarah Whiting, Gerry Roth, Jennifer Cordovana, Madeline Sly, Betty O’Garr and Jeff Brown.

### **Secretary’s Report:**

Minutes from the March 3rd Board meeting were emailed prior to this meeting and no changes were made. Motion to file the Secretary’s report was made, seconded and passed.

### **Treasurer’s Report:**

Jack reported a balance of \$2,811.66 with 76 individual members, 10 businesses and 7 condos having paid to date.

### **Crime Status Report:**

Jack introduced LT Posch and Officer Brian Daley, who talked about the most recent occurrences that affected our neighborhood. The rape which occurred on private property was between two adults who had met on line. Other than a few car larcenies, most of the events reported actually occurred in neighborhoods other than the Freemason area. A map of the area can be found at [norfolk.gov](http://norfolk.gov).

We had three speakers for the evening. Their reports are as follows:

- **Christine Morris, Chief Resilience Officer with the City of Norfolk**, talked about the newly formed Resilience Foundation. With the movement of populations back to the urban areas there is an increasing concern regarding the capacity of individuals, communities, and critical services/ systems to survive, adapt to and grow in the face of disaster. Rising flood waters is of particular concern for Norfolk and an application for a multi-million dollar grant is in process to address this.
- **Kurt J. Krause, Managing Director of “The Main”**, the Hilton Conference Center and Hotel is currently under construction on the corner of Main and Granby Streets. They have finished installation of 760 pilings and will host a public forum at the Harrison Opera House for the purpose of recruiting employees in April, the bulk of which will be for food service.
- **Cynthia Carter West from the VA Arts Festival** gave an update on some of the programs being presented April 10 through May 30th. The NATO International Parade is scheduled for April 25th and the very popular International Tattoo is almost sold out.

### **Committee Reports:**

#### **Pagoda:**

Madeline Sly reported that the Pagoda is expected to reopen April 24th, that the scheduled events are listed on the website and that the Pagoda will be providing box lunches for the House & Garden Tour.

**Nominating Committee:** no report

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### **Historic Oversight Committee:**

Gerry Roth reminded the group that any external changes to properties need to be accompanied by a Certificate of Appropriateness.

### **EARNN & Clean Up:**

Sarah Whiting reported that the next neighborhood clean up will be Saturday, April 18<sup>th</sup>. This will fall within the Great American Clean Up timeline and will be just before the garden tour.

### **Board Member Announcements:**

- Gerry Roth reported for Greta Gustavson that the Garden Club of Virginia will hold its annual home & garden tour in Freemason on Thursday, April 23<sup>rd</sup>.  
Sister Cities is hosting 6 Russian Judges on 11 April, including dinner at Freemason Harbour.
- The next Board Meeting is Scheduled for April 15<sup>th</sup>, place TBD but probably at the Pagoda.
- The next General Meeting is scheduled for May 20<sup>th</sup> at the Pagoda.

There being no further business, the meeting was adjourned at 8:15PM

Respectfully submitted,  
Betty O'Garr, Secretary