



Freemason Street Area Association

November 18, 2015
The Rockefeller
General Meeting Minutes

Call to Order by Jack Kavanaugh at 7:00 pm

Roll Call: members present: Jack Kavanaugh, Betty O’Garr, Greta Gustavson, Jennifer Cordovana, Spencer Darrow, Michael McCartney, Sarah Whiting, Harold Protsman, Madeline Sly, Jeff Brown and Les Friedman.

Jack opened the meeting with the introductions of the new Green Sector Commander, LT John Szajnoga, he also introduced the former Green Sector Commander who has been promoted and is now First Precinct Commander, Capt. Daryl Howard and Officer Mic Angstrom. Officer Angstrom reported on the following:

- there has been a decrease in the crime in our area citing 2 stolen cars at the Blocker Y and several car larcenies. He encouraged everyone to lock their cars.
- the city is working to increase the lighting around the Pagoda.
- there will be an increased police presence this weekend for the Illumination Parade and for the Harbor Lights Half Marathon.

Speakers:

- Erin Quigley, Norfolk City Coordinator for the Blue Moon Harbor Lights Half Marathon, Chartway 5K Race, and Children's Final Mile activities, explained the schedule of events for the weekend Nov. 21-23.
- Talia Spera, Event Coordinator for the City of Norfolk provided maps of the race route and discussed street closures, car towing and other parking options.
- Jerry Forstick with J&A Racing discussed the changes to the route, car towing, and parking options.
- Buddy Gadams, CEO of Marathon Management and developer of The Rockefeller
 - the renovation is 50% completed, 84 units, rented by mostly 22 - 35 yrs. Old Millinneals.
 - his future plans for the city and those projects in progress, 18 retail on Granby Street
 - the Farm Fresh grocery store should be open within 6 mo.
 - tours of the building were arranged following the meeting.
- Bill Inge, the Assistant Sargeant Memorial Collection & Building Historian gave a presentation on the History of the Navy YMCA and the Union Mission, 1906 to present in story and photos.
- Lauren Turner, Property Manager for The Rockefeller described the renovations in progress. There are 86 apartments for lease, 50% are leased with the expectation of 100% being occupancy by the end of the year.

President’ report:

- Following the race on Saturday, FSAA members will gather at Freemason Green to fluff bows and hang decorations.
- Because the Pagoda is closed for the season, we will NOT gather at the Pagoda for the annual lighting ceremony.

Membership Report: 107 individuals, 9 condos and 15 businesses.



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Treasurer's Report: in the absence of Shirley Ward Jack reported a balance of \$2,000 in the account.

Committee Reports:

Newsletter: the latest newsletter has been distributed.

Pagoda: Madeline Sly

- the Pagoda will be closed until March when it will be under new management.
- the foundation continues to accept and be in need of donations. This may be done at pagodagarden.org.

The next Board Meeting is scheduled for December 16 at 7 PM at Freemason Harbour Condominium.

The General Meeting is scheduled for January 20 at 7 PM at the Blocker YMCA.

There being no further business, the meeting was adjourned at 8:30 PM.

Tours of The Rockefeller and refreshments followed the meeting.

Betty O'Garr, Secretary