

**Freemason Street Area Association
General Membership Meeting
Blocker YMCA
September 16, 2015**

The FSAA General Membership Meeting was called to order by President Jack Kavanaugh at 7:05 PM. Four new members to the association were introduced to the group.

Mr. Rick Henn, President of Rick Henn Consulting was introduced. Mr. Henn is currently working very closely with the Cordish Corp and the City of Norfolk and provided an update for the three districts under renovation/development in our area.

- **Waterside District:**
 - Internal demolition of the original building is under way
 - various restaurants and a beer garden are to occupy the first floor. There will be no night clubs.
 - the “addition” to the original building is to be demolished and used for parking. The second deck of the main building will also have parking.
 - the project is expected to last 18 mo.
- **Marathon Development:**
 - 800 new apartments, an estimated 1600 new people are expected in the area
 - the Wainwright Building is 100% occupied
 - the renovated Union Mission, now the Rockefeller, is open with move-ins in progress
- **Granby Street District:**
 - eight new restaurants coming, two opening shortly

Crime Statistics: Officer Mic Angstrom was introduced and asked to give crime statistics for the neighborhood. He reported the number of Incidents are down and none have been reported for August.

Speaker: Steven Kirkland, Director for Nauticus and the Half Moon Cruise terminal.

- Steven reported business is booming with an increase in the number of ship stopovers and Ports of Call.
- The Sailing Program has been a success and provides a wonderful opportunity for many Norfolk school children.
- The focus is now on increased utilization of the campus for the “off season” from October to Memorial Day by opening more areas of the Wisconsin, Art Shows and repeating the Charles Dickens Christmas program with the Virginia Stage.

President Kavanaugh announced:

- TCC has decided to move it’s Culinary School to the area currently occupied by the TCC Library. The Library will then move to the first floor of Harbor Heights and will take up two-thirds of the vacant Farm Fresh building; and Farm Fresh will be reopening its grocery store in the remaining one-third space. Dates TBD.
- Jessica Carson, Coordinator for the Neighborhood Watch Program, will be at the FSAA Board Meeting Oct. 21st to provide the details of the program and the plans for our area. A meeting will be held in October for the membership (date and place to be announced) to formally appoint Watchers, Captains, and the Coordinator.

Treasurer’s Report: In the absence of Shirley Ward, Jack reported a balance of \$2,174.40. There are 108 individual members, 15 businesses and 9 condos.

Historic District Committee

Gerry Roth reported the Realtor's Open House was a big success.

Neighborhood Clean Up

Sarah Whiting said that everything is on track for an Electronics Recycling event. The date TBD.

Pagoda Events - Madeline Sly:

- **Introduced Candace Sidensticker**, representative for the Magnolia Circle of the King's Daughters. The Dragon Boat Race, a fundraiser event to raise \$650,000 for a new rescue vehicle for CHKD, is scheduled for Sat., Sept. 26th from 9:30 AM to 4 PM at the Nauticus Pier. A "Paddles Up Party" will precede the event on Friday the 25th at the Pagoda starting at 5 PM.
- The Pagoda is sponsoring a fundraiser for the Pagoda Foundation on Sun. Sept. 20th

The next General Meeting will take place at 7 PM at the old Navy "YMCA" now the Rockefeller at the corner of Brooke and Boush Streets.

There being no further business, the meeting was adjourned.

Respectfully submitted,

Betty O'Garr, Secretary