



Freemason Street Area Association

January 20, 2016
Blocker YMCA
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, Michael McCartney, Sarah Whiting, Marie Torrans, Ginger VandeWater, and Shirley Ward.

Jack opened the meeting with the introduction of Officer Brian Daley and Lt. Szajnoga. Officer Daley presented the latest crime report with emphasis on the following:

- As a result of our diligence, two of the three youths responsible for thefts and car break-ins in our area have been arrested.
- Two men were arrested following the rape of a young woman on Granby Street.
- There has been a rash of robberies involving local 7-11 stores, investigation continues.

Speakers:

Chuck Rigney, Director for Economic Development for the city of Norfolk. The highlights of his presentation were:

- Waterside District: Phase one is completed. The building has been gutted and they are starting Phase 2 which consists of constructing the businesses to occupy the structure such as Starhill Brewery and Pabst Blue Ribbon family country themed restaurant. 30,000 sq ft will be coming down. The anticipated completion date is spring 2017.
- Marina Update: the city is refurbishing the marina with upgraded power, docking and short term parking.
- Super Value and Farm Fresh property on Boush St. is still under discussion. A 15 yr lease is still in place. TCC has decided the space does not meet their goals. Several grocery chains are interested and under discussion.
- One Commercial Place, purchased by Buddy Gadams, has been upgraded to Class A and is under discussion.
- The Bank America Building has been purchased by Buddy Gadams with plans to convert the building into 345 apartments.
- Military Square: Macys is pulling out but the area is under plans for redevelopment.

Andria McClellan, candidate for the City Council Sixth Super-ward—election May 3, 2016

Barclay Winn, candidate for the City Council Sixth Super-ward — election May 3, 2016

Bob West, candidate for the School Board Sixth Super-ward, election May 3

Carter Smith, candidate for the School Board Sixth Super-ward; election May 3.

All questions during both Q&A sessions were on improving Norfolk schools.

Julie Jackson: update on programs at Fitness First on Tazewell St. and their event on Feb. 12, 6-9 PM to raise funds for the Chas Foundation, a nonprofit aimed at providing resources and support for those suffering from mental illness.



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President's report: a severe winter storm with coastal flooding is forecast for this coming weekend. Watch the news for possible garage openings and shovel your sidewalks.

Membership Report: 47 individuals, 0 condos and 2 businesses have paid dues to date for 2016.

Treasurer's Report: Jack reported a balance of \$1571.37 in the bank account.

Committee Reports:

EARNN (Environmental Awards for Recycling in Norfolk Neighborhoods): Sarah Whiting
Provided a summary of the program and how our neighborhood earns points for a variety of activities e.g. recycling, clean-up, presentations about the EARNN Program, etc for which we are compensated with dollars.

The next Board Meeting is scheduled for February 17 at 7 PM at Freemason Harbour Condominiums.

The next General Meeting is scheduled for March 16 at 7 PM at the Blocker YMCA.

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

Betty O'Garr, Secretary