



Freemason Street Area Association

March 16, 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 our newest member to the neighborhood, Marianne Jacobson. Marianne is the owner of Muddy Paws Downtown, the first new business in Downtown Norfolk Council’s Vibrant Spaces program. The boutique pet supply and services store will open March 19 at 400 Granby Street, Suite B at 11 a.m.

Jack introduced Officer Brian Daley. Officer Daley presented the latest crime report with emphasis on the following:

- one individual robbery, no one apprehended
- larcenies of autos are up; please lock your cars

President Announcements:

- police will be monitoring the new 4-way stops at Duke and Freemason, College Place and Yarmouth and Botetourt and College Place.
- there are doggie bag holders available for those who need them

Speakers: Jack introduced each of the following speakers with a description of the office for which they were running. Each speaker was given 30 minutes to speak followed by a 10 minute Question and Answer session. Local elections take place May 9, 2016.

Candidates for Mayor:

- Senator Kenneth Alexander
- Councilman Andy Protogyrou
- Sheriff Bob McCabe

Candidate for the City Council Sixth SuperWard: Warren Stewart

Candidate for the School Board Sixth SuperWard: Dr. Noelle Gabriel

Membership Report: 61 individuals, 3 condos and 8 businesses have paid dues to date for 2016.

Treasurer’s Report: no report

Committee Reports:

EARNN: Sarah Whiting

The next big event is the Neighborhood Cleanup scheduled for late April or early May



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Historic Oversight: Gerry Roth

- The 29th Annual Harold Protsman Classical Piano Competition sponsored by the ODU Department of Music is scheduled for March 19, 2016.
- Single home sales are up
- There are to be no changes to land or homes without an Architectural Board Review.

Pagoda: Madeline Sly

The Pagoda will be opening around the end of April. The chef from the Vintage Kitchen will be offering a new menu. Various events are planned for Memorial Day, July 4th and "Frank Sings Frank" is scheduled for July 15th.

Historic Garden Week: Greta Gustavson

Our area will be participating again this year. Monies earned will be used to refurbish the public gardens in West Ghent and Chelsea.

The next Board Meeting is scheduled for April 20, at 7 PM at Freemason Harbour Condominiums.

The next General Meeting is scheduled for May 18 at 7 PM at the Blocker YMCA.

There being no further business, the meeting was adjourned at 8:35 PM.

Betty O'Garr, Secretary