



## Freemason Street Area Association

August 24, 2016  
Freemason Harbour Condominium  
Board Meeting Minutes

**Meeting Called to Order** by Jack Kavanaugh at 7:00 PM at the Freemason Harbour Condominiums.

**Roll Call:** members present: Jack Kavanaugh, Ginger Van de Water, Shirley Ward, Betty O’Garr, Marie Torrans, Spencer Darrow, Buster Wilson, Jennifer Cordovana, Michael McCartney, Sarah Whiting, Madeline Sly, Greta Gustavson, Victoria Pickett, Terry Scholl, Gerry Roth and Jeff Brown.

**Guests:** Lt. Jimmy Hackett, Downtown Sector Commander, Norfolk Police Department  
Holly Christopher, Norfolk Parks and Recreation

Jack opened the meeting with a discussion of the Pokemon GO phenomenon which has engulfed our city and the Freemason area in particular. Members of the Board expressed their particular concerns with River Park being the most effected.

Jack introduced Lt. Hackett and Holly to the group. Holly explained the city’s position with supporting the activity siting the need to support the “millennials” and their interests and what they add to the growth of the city. They have and will address issues as they arise such as providing poke-a-potties, clean-up, etc. Lt Hackett described the methods his department has employed in an effort to control the huge number of players, parking, damage, etc. No arrests have been needed and players are reported to be quiet, obedient to etiquette rules and respectful in general. Cars have been ticketed and towed from Fire zones and crosswalks.

Following a lengthy discussion, a vote was taken in favor of asking the city and Niantic Labs to do all or some of the following:

- remove the Pagoda “hotspot” altogether
- reduce the number of “hotspots” within the Pagoda
- reduce the number of “hotspots” in the Freemason area
- limit the number of hours of play in the Pagoda from sunrise to 10PM.

Holly Christopher is going to contact Niantic Labs to see what can be done to move the play from Freemason to other areas of the city.

The bottom line is the city is already doing all it can to help us. If you throw a police cordon around the Pagoda from 10PM to sunrise they will merely move to the piers along Freemason Harbour, PierPointe and Wisconsin Square, and the streets Tazewell, Harbor and Brooke. Parking is impossible as the Police Lt. found out when he came to the meeting, but even if you went to 24/7 for Zone 1 stickers only, who would enforce it after 6 PM and just think how many people would hate Norfolk for getting a ticket. The only solutions are listed above.

### **President’s Report:**

Topics/Speakers for upcoming meetings:

- Norfolk City Flood Strategic Planning
- Hurricane Preparedness



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**Membership Report:** 85 individuals, 8 condos and 14 businesses have paid thus far for 2016 for an income of \$2380.

**Secretary's Report:** Betty O'Garr

- Minutes from the January General Membership Meeting were posted on the website prior to this meeting for review; no changes were made. Motion to file the Secretary's report was made, seconded and passed.
- A copy of the updated Board of Directors list and the Schedule of Meetings for 2016-2017 was sent to the Board Members prior to the meeting.

**Treasurer's Report:** Shirley Ward reported a balance of \$2,731.62 in our account.

### Committee Reports:

**Newsletter:** items for the next scheduled Newsletter are due September 7.

**Pagoda:** Madeline Sly

- The Pagoda will remain closed until October or November. Phillip Thomason, chef at the Vintage restaurant will determine the open date.
- There will be no Labor Day picnic this year.
- A fundraiser for the Friends of the Pagoda and Oriental Garden Foundation entitled "Frank Sings Frank" is scheduled for Friday, September 23. This event will feature music, food, drinks, dancing and a silent auction.
- Pagoda Lighting Project: Many of the footpath lighting wires have been cut by workers and other repairs are needed. A meeting is set with the city to request assistance for these repairs.

**Historic Oversight Committee:** Gerry Roth suggested an updated contacts sheet be distributed to the residents of the area so they will know who to call if lights are out, trees down, etc.

**EARNN:** Sarah Whiting

- The Great American Cleanup is scheduled for September 17.
- We have earned \$100. It was suggested the money be used to purchase plants for Wisconsin Square our newest "Adopt-a Spot". The Board approved.
- To earn extra points for recycling we need to have a different type of recycling other than electronics e.g. paint, small appliances, etc. The type will be discussed and decided.

**Historic District: Ginger Van de Water** — an heir has been found for the Taylor-Whittle House. Attorney and Judge, Lydia Taylor will be forming a private trust and foundation to care for the home.

### Old Business:

The next General Meeting is scheduled for September 21 at 7 PM at the Blocker YMCA.

The next Board Meeting is October 19 at 7 PM at Freemason Harbour Condominiums.

There being no further business, the meeting was adjourned at 8:45 PM.

Betty O'Garr, Secretary