



Freemason Street Area Association

November 15, 2016
Blocker YMCA
General Meeting Minutes

Call to Order by Jack Kavanaugh at 7:00 pm

Roll Call: Board Members Present: Jack Kavanaugh, Greta Gustavson, Betty O’Garr, Sarah Whiting, Michael McCartney, Ginger Van deWater, Gerry Roth, Les Friedman, Victoria Pickett, Joe Sherman, and Terry Scholl.

New Residents: Jack opened the meeting with the introduction of our new members to the neighborhood.

Police Report: Jack introduced Lt. Brian Daley and our new Community Resource Officer, Allen Driskoll. Brian provided a brief update on the crime within the neighborhood, as well as the City. October stats show an increase in larcenies in the area. Eight of the twenty-three were in the freemason area. One attempted robbery on Granby Street was unsuccessful. Halloween there was a shoot-out on Granby St with no apparent injuries. There will be a manpower increase for the Illumination Parade and the J&A races on the weekend.

Secretary Report: The Minutes of the previous meetings have been posted on the website. No edits were recommended; they were accepted as written.

Speakers:

Erin Quigley from the city of Norfolk described the race details for Saturday and Sunday.

Jerry Quigley from the J&A Racing Team discussed the maps, police presence and street closings for both events. Two to three thousand runners are expected.

Chuck Rigney, Director of Economic Development for the city of Norfolk addressed:

- A grocery store for downtown is in the planning but no one has committed thus far.
- Doug Smith has been appointed City Manager for Norfolk.
- There may be a new ABC store in downtown.
- There may be a new Autograph Hotel in the old Royster Building.
- There will soon be an increase of three thousand persons between St Paul and the Marriott with the movement of ADP to 2 Commercial Place and Bank of America to the Dominion Tower. The Bank of America Tower will become offices and new apartments.
- The Waterside District is 100% leased.
- The Main opens early Spring; tours are being offered to local residents.
- The Outlet Mall in Virginia Beach will house 90 stores and opens in six months.
- Ikea is due to open in 2018 off Interstate 264.
- The JC Penny building at JANAF has been bought by a company who plans to hire 900 employees.



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- The extension of the Light Rail to Virginia Beach was voted down by it's residents but plans continue with an extension to Military Circle and to the Naval Base.
- Six thousand new jobs are expected in the area.

President's report:

- Jack discussed the expansion of the Elizabeth River Trail and the Norfolk Tech Trail and has added the topic to all future FSAA meetings agendas for follow-up and discussion.
- Bows will be going up Saturday morning, Dec. 3; volunteers are needed around 9:30 AM for fluffing and hanging.
- 2018 is a big year for Norfolk
 - The Centennial Commission is planning celebrations throughout the area. Jack is serving on this Commission.
 - The german cruise ship will be visiting us seven more times.
 - Waterside opens.
 - The Waterfront District will extend Port Norfolk to Harbour Park connected by the renovated Elizabeth River Trail.

Committee Reports:

EARNN: Sarah Whiting

Sarah announced there will be an electronics recycling drive Saturday AM at Freemason Green. It is American Recycling Day. It is for residents only, businesses are excluded.

Historic Oversight: Gerry Roth

Reminder: No changes to the exterior of the homes in the Historic District can occur without first being reviewed by the Architectural Board.

Pagoda: In Madeline's absence, it was announced that cider will be served on Illumination Night.

Membership Report:

To date we have 90 individuals, 8condos, and 14 businesses for 2016. Three individuals have paid dues for 2017.

Treasurer's Report: the balance in the account is \$2,591.62.

The next FSAA General Meeting is scheduled for 7 PM, January 18 at the Blocker YMCA.

The next Board Meeting will occur December 14 at 7 PM at the Freemason Harbour Condominiums.

There being no further business, the meeting was adjourned at 8:05 PM.

Betty O'Garr, Secretary