



## Freemason Street Area Association

September 21, 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, Jennifer Cordovana, Betty O’Garr, Sarah Whiting, Marie Torrans, Ginger Van deWater, Gerry Roth, Madeline Sly, Buster Wilson, and Terry Scholl.

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

**Police Report:** Jack introduced Officer Brian Daley and LT Jimmy Hackett who provided a brief update on the crime within the neighborhood, as well as the City. Due to the recent increase in auto larcenies and the increased number of Pokemon players at all hours during the summer, police cars have been making hourly ride-throughs. It is anticipated the number of larcenies and visitors will decrease with the start of school. Some residents questioned noise levels from the Pagoda related to the Pokemon players.

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

### **Speakers:**

**Velvet Smiley**, Interim Chief Safety and Security Officer, Hampton Roads Transit introduced Tiffany McLean and Don Lint. Together they provided information regarding train safety, surveillance, signage, light outages and the recent Train Safety Outreach Grant received. They provided the Customer Service number (221-6100) to the group for reporting any issues in the neighborhood regarding the Tide.

**Jim Redick**, Director Emergency of Preparedness & Response for Norfolk provided updates regarding the HRT, shelters, Emergency Mgt., Norfolk Public Schools. He encouraged residents to sign up for electronic Norfolk Alerts for flooding, hazardous spills, weather, active shooter, etc on the [norfolk.gov](http://norfolk.gov) website.

**Peter Chapman**, Deputy City Manager talked in depth about the need for Norfolk to diversify economically and encouraged recruiting new businesses bringing new jobs, innovative enterprises, and international trade programs.

### **Committee Reports:**

#### **EARNN: Sarah Whiting**

Sarah provided an overview of the EARNN Program thereby earning points for the FSAA which can earn us dollars.



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### **Historic Oversight: Gerry Roth**

Provided an update on the old Library located on Freemason Street. It has been purchased and will be converted to condos and offices. Exterior changes will be made to accommodate a handi-capped accessible ramp and a garden area.

### **Membership Report:**

To date we have 87 individuals, 8 condos, and 14 businesses.

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

### **Pagoda: Madeline Sly**

- Phillip Thomasson, the new operator of the Pagoda restaurant continues to delay its opening and at this point in time has not provided a date but he will be catering heavy hors d'oeuvres for "Frank Sings Frank".
- Terry Scholl and Madeline were able to earn some funds for the Pagoda Foundation with the selling of bottled water and snacks during the "Pokemon" invasion.
- Upcoming events:
  - There will be no Labor Day event this year.
  - "Frank Sings Frank" is scheduled for Friday, Sept. 23 at 6 PM at the Pagoda. Tickets are \$50 each and include heavy hors d'oeuvres, entertainment and dancing, as well as, a silent auction.

The next FSAA General Meeting is scheduled for 7 PM, November 16 at the Blocker YMCA.

The next Board Meeting will occur October 19 at 7 PM at the Freemason Harbour Condominiums.

There being no further business, the meeting was adjourned at 8:55 PM.

Betty O'Garr, Secretary