

Next Meeting is May 16, 7:15 p.m.

Mark Baker will return to the SCA with the city's comments and revised plans for the Cherokee Townhouse project. You can find more information and illustrations of this project on the website, scarichmond.com. May's meeting will be held at the Southampton Recreation Association building, 3201 Chellowe Road.

April Meeting Review

- Kathy Whittington presented the treasurers report. 166 neighbors have renewed or joined the SCA since January. THANK YOU! We currently have money in our budget to continue to keep neighbors updated in regards to important events in the neighborhood through our newsletter.
- The Dominion Undergrounding project will provide updates to those in the project area May 23 at the SRA building. Letters were sent to those neighbors in the proposed undergrounding area.
- Driving the speed limit through the neighborhood creates a safe environment. Police have increased their presence on Chippenham and Cherokee, and you may get a ticket if you go over the posted speed.
- Proposed changes to the Shops at Stratford Hills continued to be a major focus at the March and April meetings. Neighbors thoughts on this project have been heard at meetings as well as recorded on a recent survey posted on Survey Monkey.

The SCA met with Harper Associates May 4 to share concerns regarding the amendments to the CUP. There was little movement on Harper's part to meet the SCA's requests. The SCA will be sending a letter to the chair of the planning commission, Rodney Poole, stating the organization's position on the current project. The entire letter can be found on the website scarichmond.com. Key points are as follows.

The Southampton Citizens Association opposes the proposed Community Unit Plan (CUP) amendments relevant to new construction at the Shops at Stratford Hills. Opposition regards 1) a failure to commit to landscaping evidenced in its worst form by the removal of all of the trees 2) tenant mix and 3) existing vacancies in the shopping center.

The SCA supports construction of one freestanding sign facing Chippenham Parkway. The lack of a visible sign from Chippenham has been a concern raised in lease renewal discussions with anchor tenants. The SCA supports a break in the median at the main center entrance from Forest Hill Avenue to allow direct access to tenants. The SCA supports a break in the median at the entrance beside Mexico to provide circulation to the proposed tenants in Phase II. The SCA confirms the existing buffer requirements set forth in the CUP Ordinance, which will continue to screen Phase II from the property zoned R-2 located to the east of the project.

The SCA does not support a curb cut with right-in/right-out access from the Phase II Outparcel to Forest Hill, annexing additional property to the CUP increasing the cap on commercial development from 420,000 sq. ft. to 428,000 sq. ft.

The SCA voted in the fall of 2016 against the development in Phase II. At this time Harper Associates decided to clear-cut the property due to people living in the woods. At the meeting in March 21st, 2017, Harper Associates stated that they only intended to construct new buildings on the area that is adjacent to Forest Hill Avenue yet the proposed amendments would allow for future amendments providing for construction of other buildings in Phase II.

Thank You

A big THANK YOU to all who have paid in March and April. The month you pay starts your year of membership and is printed on the label of your newsletter.

We also want to thank those neighbors that have been able to come to the meetings. We have had a great turnout. Our voices are being heard – Make your voice heard by attending the meetings.

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Food Lion to Remodel Forest Hill Store

The Forest Hill Food Lion will be one of 14 Richmond stores to be remodeled. Changes will include walk-in produce coolers, reconfigured registers to be more efficient and provide faster checkout and expanded local options such as beer, wine and organic products. The makeover will take place June to October and the stores will remain open.

Drainage Study on Cheverly Road

This July, the city will study drainage issues off Cheverly Road. Two public meetings will be held to discuss the city’s findings, possible solutions and get residents’ feedback. Contact City Project Manager Syed Imran at 804-646-1394 with questions. Once funds are available, site surveying, engineering design and construction will begin. Notice of meetings and a project update will be provided to affected property owners prior to the start of the design and construction work.

Please Join in 2017

Thank you to all neighbors who have joined and renewed in 2017. You can join anytime during the year. Your membership year runs from the date your payment is received. You can pay by mail using the form on the back or use PayPal, www.scarichmond.com/join.html. The labels on the newsletter will indicate your year of membership. If you have any questions contact Katie Hellebush, 901-8785 or katie.hellebush@gmail.com.

Mark Your Calendars

Future meeting dates are May16, June 20 and July 18. We need and want to hear from you. Can’t make it to a meeting? Friend us on Facebook, you can find current issues as well as join the egroup on our website scarichmond.org.

Southampton Citizens Association Membership Form

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Circle the year for which this contribution applies: 2017 2018 2019 2020

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