

Southampton Civic Association
March 20, 2007 Meeting

Members Present:

Bob Scott	John Cardwell	Bert Waters	Elizabeth Bolin
M. Blanchard	Caitlin Zettl	John McGrann	Dick Grinnan
Sue Stewart	John Young	Bob Call	Jeff Donahue

Guests:

David Haithcock	Harvey Lankford, M.D.	Mary Francis Kastleberg
Urchie Ellis		

Meeting commenced at 7:15PM

Old Business:

President Donahue reviewed last months meeting agenda items and suggested we go along with the city regarding Riverside Drive adding that the shoulder and muddy areas could use some attention. Dr. Harvey Langford mentioned that the city has plans to put up more signs to advise pedestrians to walk in single file.

Kathy Graziano could not be present because of a conflicting speaking engagement and was represented by David Haithcock.

Mr. Haithcock mentioned that the signs for an additional \$200 fine for speeding on Cherokee Rd are going up now. He also gave figures for the proposed city budget which is \$644 million with a 10.1% increase in real estate tax, 6% increase in Utility fees, 5.5% increase in sewer fees and a \$5 per month per household storm water management fee. The budget is open for discussion and is available online at the public library web sites. Dr. Grinnan mentioned that the fees should stay with their intended uses and Mr. Haithcock said they were mandated to do so.

New Business:

Most of the SCA Board members received a 3:30AM phone call this past Monday by a neighbor who screamed into the phone making very little sense. A policeman was notified and came to our meeting tonight to get the story. No complaint was filed, but concern for the woman was mentioned. The woman's name was taken from the newsletter mailing list to not bother her anymore.

Elizabeth Bolin, Chair of Riverfest announced it will be June 2nd from 8:30AM to 2:00PM. There will be a band playing a combo of folk and bluegrass, Ralph White and his animals, things for kids to do and the usual 5k race. A motion was made and passed to grant \$1,000.00 for Riverfest from the treasury. Additionally, the newsletter will mention Riverfest as well as categories of volunteer opportunities

Reports:

Communications Blackhawk helicopters will be flying over us soon on training runs.

- Neighborhood teams Red light cameras are needed at Chippenham Pkwy/Huguenot Rd, Custis Rd/Chippenham, and Buford Rd/Huguenot.
The City spent \$4 mill. On Bon Air sidewalks and citizens wondered if the City re-reviews plans approved, but carried out years later.
All of the lots in the Riverview development are sold.
The Arbors project will be available this summer
The Development at Huguenot and Chippenham is growing.
Houses behind Stoney Point are not selling, but the apartments are doing well.
There is a cellphone tower at Custis Rd o a power line.
- Zoning Board member position still vacant
- Schools The Richmond City School Board has decided to combine several special education schools (Patrick Henry, 13 Acres & Knowles) ?sp. Bert Waters mentioned that out-of-Zone bussing no longer occurs for elementary schools.
- Treasurer \$9,220.77 is in the bank account.
A question regarding how long to keep the Board's financial records came up and it was thought to be 5 years. Cancelled checks have been kept which is useful for members calling and wondering if they have paid for a particular year.
A motion was made and passed to protect the treasurer and the integrity of the process by having the books audited yearly by a Southampton volunteer.
- Transportation
- Legislative A sign displaying a weight limit of 80,000 lbs has been set up on the Huguenot Bridge.
- Membership Membership went from 63 last month to 239 this month.
Eliz. Bolin volunteered to work with Jean Marie to update our new neighbors list for the newsletter and send out new neighbor packages.

With no more business the meeting was concluded at 8:17 PM

Faithfully submitted,
Robert S. Call, M.D.