

Southampton Citizens Association
Board Meeting
September 16, 2014

Members Present: Blanchard, Cardwell, Hampton, Hay, Prince, Scott, Young

Members Absent: Roberts, Schlicher, White

Guests: Kathy Graziano , Gokhan and Lori Yucel, Vivian and Jim Cramer, Charlie Haywood

David Green, Tim Barham and Garland Williams from the GRTC Transit System gave an update on bus service for our area. Their website www.ridegrtc.com has news, route information and videos on how to ride. The GRTC, under the Americans with Disabilities Act, provides specialized transportation for individuals who require assistance when commuting. City of Richmond residents 80 years old or older may qualify for curb-to-curb service within GRTC's fixed route coverage area for \$3.00 one-way. Residents should check the website for more information.

John Cardwell reported that the SCA has \$5,512.51 in the bank. 29 members renewed membership in July and seven renewed their membership in August.

There have been several break-ins over the past few months in on or near Stratford Road between Chippenham and Forest Hill. We are going to invite the police to the November 18 meeting to update residents and give tips on crime prevention.

The DPW is planning to pave a number of Southampton Streets this fiscal year which ends June 30. They are working on an update paving schedule which we will post to the website.

The next newsletter will be published after the annual meeting.

Councilwoman Graziano asked for feedback regarding the proposals in City Council regarding the tax rate on real estate. Currently the rate is \$1.20 per \$100 of assessed value. There are papers in council recommending \$1.18 or \$1.17. Legally, the tax rolls back to \$1.19, because property assessments rose by more than one percent, unless there is a vote to change it. The council is considering a range of three rates: \$1.18, \$1.19 and the current \$1.20.

The annual meeting is October 21. Phil Riggins will be our Annual Meeting speaker.

Mary Blanchard presented revisions to the bylaws recommended by a special committee the board established to bring them up to date. The revisions were discussed in detail. There was a motion to accept, there was a second, and the revisions were adopted.

The committees were asked to develop tentative budgets and charters for 2015 to be discussed at the Oct or Nov meetings.

Discussed recognizing Urchie Ellis' contributions to the neighborhood, which includes lobbying for the new Huguenot Bridge.