

Southampton Citizens Association

Board Meeting

March 18, 2015

Members Present: Blanchard, Cardwell, , Hay, Prince, Scott, Young, Yucel, White, Cooke, Hampton

Members Absent:

Guests: Tim Grimes

- Guest speaker Dr. Seth Lipstock spoke about keeping our pet's teeth healthy and clean.
- January Minutes were approved as presented. (note: February meeting was cancelled due to weather)
- Steve Prince indicated the association has approximately \$4600 in the bank which included 7 renewals. Paypal was used for only 1 of those renewals
- Tim Grimes gave a 4th district council report on behalf of Kathy G.:
 - Anticipating paving of Forest Hill from Powhite to Westover Hills this spring/summer
 - Gas line work from Powhite to Hathaway will begin after spring/summer completion of eastern section.
 - Forest Hill bike lane improvement project from Powhite to Hathaway has been slowed by legal processes and is currently expected to begin in 2016.
 - Kathy's office has been working with RPD and encouraging them to send representation to the various neighborhood meetings.
- John Cardwell announced that he has secured a commitment from Commonwealth Attorney Mark Herring as speaker for the annual meeting in October.
- Ralph White presented an idea to invite restaurant owners to the monthly meetings. There was discussion that all businesses be included.

Motion introduced and passed: *Ralph will invite local area restaurants to pop in at the beginning of monthly SCA meetings for a 3 – 5 minute presentation on their business. No prior notification of these pop-in required.*

- Gökhan Yucel voiced his interest in the SCA hosting a wine tasting and silent auction and will put together a proposal for the April board meeting.
- John Cardwell expressed interest in holding an SCA meeting at Huguenot HS as previously planned. Other members suggested that there might not be interest from the neighborhood since the Huguenot meeting hosted by Kristen Larken and Kathy G. was so well attended. John Cardwell will pursue the possibility of the SCA hosting a meeting at Huguenot HS and report back.
- Steve Prince reported that traffic engineering would like the SCA's endorsement for the proposed guardrail replacement on Stratford road near Riverside. It was noted that the use of utility polls for the guardrails is no longer an option.

Motion introduced and passed: *The SCA will endorse the construction of wooden rails as proposed by Traffic Engineering.* Steve Prince will communicate the SCA's endorsement to city officials.

- Ralph White would like to coordinate beautification projects at Southampton Elementary to include handicap ramp painting and new signage. It was suggested that the SCA could pursue this project in lieu of a neighborhood clean-up project. Ralph will work with the school to confirm project and determine potential dates.