

Southampton Civic Association
September, 2008 Meeting

Members Present:

John Cardwell Bert Waters Sue Stewart Jonathan Young Jeanne Dorman
Bob Scott Jeff Donahue Robb Bryden Wendy Inge

Members Absent:

Dick Grinnan Mary Blanchard, Bob Call, Greg Garrison Jean Marie Hay

Guests:

David Hathcock Ralph White.

Announcements:

Old Business:

Huguenot Bridge-There was survey activity over the summer on the Huguenot Bridge, but no new bridge developments. Jeanne asked whether there was any word on a rumble strip in the center 'lane' to prevent head-on collisions. She volunteered to call and check on that, as well as finding out any other bridge news.

New Business:

The 4th District Mayoral Forum will be Wednesday Sept. 17th at Forest Hill Presbyterian Church
SCA Board Meeting:

The next SCA Board meeting will be held in October 21st at 7:15 PM, which will be our Annual Meeting:

Among the names suggested for possible speakers, University of Richmond President Edward Ayers and VCU Political Science Professor John Messer were the top 2 choices. Jeff and David will contact them for availability.

There are still two board positions available. Unfortunately Elizabeth Bolan will be stepping down from the board.

Wendy made a motion to create a nominating committee. Jeff selected a committee made up of himself, Jeanne, Bert and Bob S.

Ralph reintroduced the idea of adding 1 or 2 neighborhood identity signs to the area, Wendy, John and Mary are to meet to organize the issue and bring results to group. This will be further discussed at a future meeting along with the sketches, wording, prices and material list. More land has been donated to the James River Park by Dr Keith McNeer. Also the SCA approved \$50.00 for Ralph to purchase tulip bulbs to distribute to attendees of the annual meeting. Ralph discussed his idea to reestablish a walking trail at Southampton Elementary School and also creating a natural seeping water spring on the site. Plans were put in the works.

City Council

David talked about a City wide clean-up which will be held Sept 27th. Brief discussion about community participation and central location. SunTrust marathon will be Sept 27th. A representative came to one of our meetings last year to talk community involvement, so we decided not to have anyone speak this year.

He also mentioned that the GRTC is sponsoring meetings to discuss canceled bus routes including

the Stony Point Fashion Park Express. The dept. has a 4 million deficit. Kathy is a vice chairperson of a transportation work group to study development of regional transportation authority legislation. They will submit a report in Oct. to Council

Reports:

-City Council:

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-Neighborhood Teams:

Brief discussion of the University of Richmond 's new football field which will seat 8700 people when completed.

-Zoning:

Run-off from ongoing construction and hill erosion at RiverWatch on Snake Hill was brought up. David said that it has been a continual problem and despite calls to Putney (from individuals and his office) and 2 work stoppages the problem still exists. Bob volunteered to draft a letter to Mark Putney to voice our concern. Motion was passed

-Schools:

Ralph suggested that we send a letter to 4th district school board representative George Braxton voicing our support for creative school solutions including the Patrick Henry Charter School. Motion was passed.

There will be a school board candidate forum in the SRA bldg on Oct. 23rd.

-Membership/Treasurer:

423 members. Ideas were suggested on contacting immediate neighbors who might not be aware of the SCA and the use of membership packages for new residents. A clear bumper sticker was suggested as a way to promote the SCA and add community awareness. Motion was passed.

Sue Stewart reported we now have a bank balance of \$12,499.00. Sue and Jeanne (membership) were congratulated on doing such great jobs.

Transportation: no report

With no more business the meeting was concluded. The next board meeting will be in October.

Faithfully submitted,

Bob Scott