

Larchmont–Edgewater Civic League

Meeting: Spring 2005, April 14, 2005, 7:30-9:30pm

Attendance (approximate): 62

Location: Larchmont United Methodist Church

Synopsis of Meeting:

- Announcements from Dave O'Dell:
 - Commissioner of Revenue 2004 report passed out to group
 - Next week's meeting will be the 4 way stop signs at Powhatan & 49th St, Powhatan & Bolling.
 - Due to a schedule mix up, Fire Safety will be presented next week instead of this week.
 - Original agenda item for the playground at Upper Brandon and Magnolia (also known as Virginia Park) has been withdrawn and is no longer on the agenda.
 - Agenda:
 - PACE - Officer Routon
 - Sidewalk Replacement – Sarah Meredith
 - Saint Patrick's Catholic School
- PACE (Police Assisted Community Enforcement)
 - Detective Bowers, sexual assault unit, discusses sexual assault on Carillo. On-going investigation so cannot comment on deals. Looking for a white male, late teens to early twenties, 5'9"-6', shaggy hair. Detective Hocman is handling the case and should be contacted with any information, 664-7170.
 - Responses to questions from audience:
 - Car vandalized that same night on Upper Brandon. Fingerprints were taken. To provide resident with status update.
 - More patrol cars are in the area. Unmarked vehicles.
 - Only one person was attacked. Person was not the only one in the house.
 - Permit is needed to sell magazines, etc. in the neighborhood.
 - If there is a knock at the door, ask who it is so they are aware that someone is home. You do not have to open the door.
 - Section Commander, LT Evans introduced. Email and phone number to be provided to Laurie Chapman. He plans to attend as many meets as possible.
 - Officer Routon. Business cards made available.
 - Crime report for March was 1 sexual assault, 2 larceny (1 unfounded), 2 vandalisms, spike in auto break ins.
 - Responses to questions from audience:
 - Increase in crime in warmer months – longer daylight hours, more people out.
 - Communication is key. Block watch program important.
 - Be aware of surroundings. Apply the same rules taught to children – don't talk to strangers.

- Porch lights with timers are great along with sensor (motion detector) lights.
 - Police Unity Bike Tour. Officer Routon participating in the 3-day bike ride from Chesapeake to Washington, DC. Money goes to the memorial for officers killed in the line of duty, family counseling, etc.
 - **VOTE** to give \$250 donation to Police Unity Bike Tour.
 - Verbal vote. All in favor. None opposed.
- Sidewalk Replacement – Sarah Meredith
 - City is replacing sidewalks with asphalt instead of concrete. No forms used. Photos passed to group. Was told this was a new policy. May relate to proximity of trees and tree roots.
 - Request made that civic league require city to install concrete in the neighborhood. Dave O'Dell to contact city. Assistant City Manager present and will look into issue.
 - Facts to be brought back to the Civic League. If vote is needed, will be put on meeting agenda and in newsletter first.
- Saint Patrick's Catholic School
 - Introduction of Principal Steve Hammond. Sixth school he has started up, from TN.
 - Mark Tingley, IT.
 - Took time to visit other schools with great ideas and programs.
 - Put together a staff of great teachers with gifted educational program.
 - Integrate technology throughout the program.
 - Students to use Tablet PC's in middle school.
 - Wireless network to provide instruction and research Internet. Will almost eliminate the use of blackboards.
 - Complex will have academic building, gymnasium, theater, dining hall, visual arts area, break out rooms, sports fields (baseball, softball, lacrosse), playground behind the academic building, center sunken quadrangle for students, etc. Future space for a chapel.
 - No aboveground power poles, no lights on ball fields. Brick exterior, slate roof. Match with existing neighborhood. \$25M facility. Cost not passed to students.
 - Aug 29, 2005 opening. Will begin 1st semester at Blessed Sacrament Church. Second semester on campus.
 - Grades Pre-K to 6th. Will add 7th the next year, and 8th the following. Two classes per grade.
 - Tuition \$5k per year. \$10k operating cost per student, therefore each student receives \$5k scholarship. Financial aid and programs available.
 - Applications still being taken.
 - Suggestion made from audience to include walking path around the water's edge. Condos to have walking path and would be an extension of this. School's first concern is for the safety and security of the children, but they will look into this.
- Meeting adjourned.
- Notes by Vickie Jones.