

Larchmont-Edgewater Civic League

Civic Meeting: Fall 2004, September 23, 2004, Thursday, 7:30pm

Attendance (approximate): 90

Location: Larchmont United Methodist Church

Synopsis of Meeting:

- Announcements from President, Dave O'Dell
 - Petition for tax relief for elderly will be passed around during the meeting.
 - Elizabeth River Trail update – Presentation of findings at the previous June meeting. Update to be complete in time for presentation at next meeting. Concerns over library routing, wetlands, Magnolia Ave area with respect to cars, speed, safety. Library is deferring all issues to City Planning.
 - Local Historic District presentation planned for the next meeting. Will give each side (pro/con) 15 minutes to present their side with 10-minute rebuttal, then vote. Mike O'Hearn will lead the “pro” side. Looking for “con” side leader. Information will be put on the civic league website. Change in format due to potential attendance and length. Another newsletter will go out.
 - Donation of \$500 to Larchmont PTA in the name of Mrs. McDonald (crossing guard) from Civic League requested.
 - VOTE: (verbal) unanimous For.
 - One vote per household for paid members of the Civic League. Membership for calendar year. Voting for Historic District to be determined but will include checking membership status.
 - Agenda:
 - ODU Committee Care Day presentation
 - Old Dominion University Master Plan presentation
- ODU Committee Care Day presentation. Jennifer Kingsley, Mrs. Bake, Mrs. Tucker
 - October 16th, Saturday
 - Clean up common areas, houses, etc.
 - Volunteers will be wearing t-shirts to identify
 - Trash will be placed at a central location. Large items to be picked up on Monday.
 - Brochures handed out.
 - Sign up sheet for volunteering or to recommended areas available at front
- Old Dominion University Master Plan presentation, “Changing for the Better” – Bob Fenning, VP of Administration and Finance at ODU
 - Significant transformation of the campus through capital projects
 - Space for academic support
 - Increase number of residents on campus
 - Parking structures on perimeter, housing in center
 - New and expanded athletic facilities such as a planned marina and renovation of gym including indoor tennis courts, exercise rooms, cardio area, running track, climbing wall, etc.
 - Improve pedestrian experience

- Land use plan – University Village (east of Hampton Blvd) has fully furnished garden apts on upper floors and retail space on first floor. Campus Police moved to this area. Marriott Garden type hotel to be constructed on Hampton Blvd north of the Ted Constant Convocation Center. Research park and office spaces to the south of the Ted in front of the current parking garage. Grocery store on Hampton Blvd south of the Ted. Major restaurants planned for green space behind the Ted.
- Construction will greatly pick up over the next 5 yrs
- Campus becoming more residential. Goal is to bring students back to campus.
- Other City projects around ODU, Powhatan Ave area:
 - The City is building a football stadium at the back of ODU for the Norfolk public schools. Part of the 43rd St expansion. Includes 500-car surface parking lot.
 - 9 hole golf course