

## Larchmont–Edgewater Civic League

Meeting: Summer 2007, June 14, 2007, 7:30 – 9:30pm

Attendance (approximate): 31

Location: Larchmont United Methodist Church

Civic League website: <http://www.larchmontedgewater.org/>

### Synopsis of Meeting:

- Announcements from Dave O’Dell:
  - Norfolk Home Renovation and Design Workshop, 23June. Workforce Dept, E Little Creek Rd.
  - Agenda:
    - PACE, Officer Routon
    - ODU Master Plan Update. Bob Fenning.
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  - Old item – study is in on the tracker trailer traffic on Hampton Blvd. In VDOT’s hands.
  - Introduction of officers working narcotics. Sgt Bailey, cell 435-3009, office 664-7193. Sgt Stevens – handles long term issues. Narcotic office 664-7035. Non emergency 441-7035.
  - Trespassing program. Must be put on the list with the department, must request to be taken off, no longer a time limit. Visible signs required. Police can then act on your behalf. Home or business. Forms at the front.
  - Citizens Academy starting soon. Forms at the front.
- ODU Master Plan Update. Bob Fenning.
  - Women’s scholarship house at the corner of Monetary and Bluestone.
    - Need was there. 6-8 women.
    - Significant structural problems with the existing house. Owned by ODU.
    - New design for neighborhood appropriate bungalow. Wanted rezoning due to restriction on building by State. Would not look as appropriate with these requirements, would look more like a dorm.
    - Another site has been picked near Gresham Hall at 49<sup>th</sup> St.
    - Disposition of the house unknown at this time. Will get back with neighbors and civic league with updates.
  - Address additional rumor: No parking garage at the ‘Lambert’ property.
  - Update to master plan presentation. Key items addressed.
    - More green space. Pedestrian, campus feel.
    - Closing Elkhorn St permanently to car traffic (street behind Webb Center)
    - Batten Arts & Letters. Completion by July
    - Physical Science Bldg II start within 30 days
    - Display and research greenhouse complete within 60 days. Orchid conservatory open to public.
    - Ireland and Virginia quads (on old Lot 27) complete.
    - Fall 2009 – complete 3 more housing units.

- New 14,000 sf recreational center (old Field House area) under construction
- Indoor tennis center to open in 30 days. Outdoor courts also. Looking to sell memberships to public.
- Powhatan Sports Center to include: 3,000 seat field hockey stadium, women's lacrosse, building for admin and locker rooms, 2 practice fields for football. Completion by Aug08
- Foreman Field upgrades: premium seating at north endzone to include 24 suites, 800 space parking deck near south endzone, synthetic turf.
  - Addition of 150-200 member marching band
  - Hope to bring back tradition of Oyster Bowl and Maury/Granby game.
- 43<sup>rd</sup> St improvements scheduled Summer07.
- University Village area:
  - Bookstore to move within 3-4 months. First floor will be regular retail bookstore with coffee shop, second floor for textbooks.
  - Marriott Springhill Suites opening Oct07, 114 rooms. Monarch Sports Pub on first floor.
  - Innovation Research Park – planning 3 more bldgs if leasing goals are met.
  - Creating 'Theater District' around the Ted.
- Other funded or planned projects: Hughes Hall, Diehn Fine and Performing Arts Bldg Phase II, Student Success Center, Child Study Center Addition, Department of Art renovation, Webb Center renovation.
- Area along Hampton Blvd, south of the Ted (not part of ODU):
  - Farm Fresh grocery store as anchor store with other retail and banking around this.
  - Market rate apartments
  - Additional housing
  - Central Hampton Blvd Initiatives: outcome of study area this area, market based approach to let retail provide funds vs. City. Planning should be done by late this year.
- Responses to Questions:
  - Maury/Granby field will remain city property
  - Will relook at requirement for freshmen to live on campus with completion of housing units for Fall09.
  - No car rule for freshmen will be looked at. Public transportation (NET) currently under-utilized. Looking to expand routes into neighborhoods.
  - City looking at Hampton Blvd traffic issues. Informal survey showed 37,000 pedestrian crossings in 3 days, 7am-10pm around college.
  - Lions head at the Ted has been removed in order to make 3 more to put around campus. Looking at other merchandize options.
  - Mag-lev works. Moving in the next 12-18 months.
  - Re-evaluating security and other issues since VT tragedy.

- Looking at visitor parking and security for use with rec facilities and other areas.
- Baseball alums and fans want to contribute to upgrades. Fund raiser upcoming.
- Meeting adjourned.
- Notes by Vickie Jones.