

Larchmont–Edgewater Civic League

Meeting: Winter 2005, December 8, 2005, 7:30 – 9:30pm

Attendance (approximate): 57

Location: Larchmont United Methodist Church

Synopsis of Meeting:

- Announcements from Dave O'Dell:
 - Port City Java has provided coffee for the meeting. They are located in University Village, behind the Ted Constant Center.
 - The ad in the newsletter for Ballentine was the incorrect size.
 - Agenda:
 - PACE - Officer Routon to discuss recent crime in the neighborhood.
 - Election of Civic League Officers tonight.
 - ODU master plan update - Bob Fenning.
- PACE
 - Officer Routon reviews crime stats – 3 residential burglaries, 2 indecent exposures, 2 larceny, 16 vandalisms.
 - Small, older model burgundy vehicle has been seen in the vicinity of recent vandalism sites.
 - Extra patrols are in the neighborhood.
 - Responses to questions from the audience:
 - Shirley Black is here to address concerns about the non-emergency number and lack of response.
 - Thanks for the speed indicator on Hampton Blvd near Larchmont Elementary. When the indicator is gone, speeders will be given tickets. Zero tolerance.
 - Due to timing of reports, crimes may be in the next month's report.
 - No progress on the Carillo case or the 1300 block of Magnolia case. Cases do not seem to be connected.
 - Shirley Black discusses the 911 call center.
 - 9 supervisors, 69 operators. 24/7 operation with 14 people on at one time.
 - 911 calls take priority. Dispatch on a priority basis.
 - More information may be needed to determine the priority for non-emergencies. Depending on the current emergencies and other priority calls, officers may not be able to respond quickly.
 - Ms Black to research non-responsiveness of calls. Residents to provide additional information such as dates, times, and name of operator to her.
 - In order for the event to make the crime statistics, a report must be filed either by phone or by police visit. A report number will be issued.
 - A decision on the use of the reverse 911 call feature has not been reached.
 - Calls are answered in the order they enter the system. Continue to let it ring. May just have many calls at that time.

- Phone numbers for Officer Routon 621-6929 (cell); LT Boone 664-7232; Shirley Black 441-5600.
 - Dave O'Dell thanks the police for their efforts in the neighborhood.
 - Dave O'Dell
 - Reflects on the past 4.5 years of being president. Very proud of the advances of the civic league. Thanks and praise to the board members for their volunteer efforts.
 - Accepting dues for 2006 calendar year.
 - Upcoming efforts to include rewriting of the bylaws to update and improve. Will be brought to the civic league for a vote.
 - Election of Officers. Hal Cannon presides over president vote. Dave presides over vote for other offices.
 - President. Nominations taken from the floor. Dave O'Dell nominated. 2nd. Close. By acclamation, All for. None opposed.
 - Vice President. Nominations taken from the floor. Laurie Chapman nominated. 2nd. Close. By acclamation, All for. None opposed.
 - Secretary. Nominations taken from the floor. Vickie Jones nominated. 2nd. Close. By acclamation, All for. None opposed.
 - Treasurer. Nominations taken from the floor. Rhonda Liberto nominated. 2nd. Close. By acclamation, All for. None opposed.
 - **Officers are: President Dave O'Dell; Vice President Laurie Chapman; Secretary Vickie Jones; Treasurer Rhonda Liberto.**
 - Volunteers from the neighborhood will host individual teas for international students at ODU this month.
 - ODU Master Plan Update. Bob Fenning. Donna Meeks.
 - A presentation to the civic league on the ODU master plan was given about 9 months ago.
 - Goals: Adequate space for instruction and research, Strengthen residential character with more residential students, Improved recreational and athletic facilities, Become pedestrian campus, Incorporate latest University Village land use land, Achieve green campus.
 - Part of the university student fees for the past 4 years included a free HR bus service for students. Looking to the surrounding neighborhoods to support expansion of the bus maps to include stops from the neighborhoods to University Village.
 - Projects. Increased construction over the next 30 months.
 - Technical Building Renovation on Hampton Blvd. To be complete by Feb 2006.
 - Village North Parking Deck on Hampton Blvd, north of the Ted. 950 spaces, 5 levels. Street level retail on the first floor which will include space for the 21st St Gallery, folk art collection, and other traveling exhibits.
 - Batten Arts & Letters renovation (tall building on Hampton Blvd). Gut interior and rework. New facade on Hampton Blvd. Starbucks Coffee inside.

- 43rd St improvements from Hampton to Powhatan. Partially complete. Improved drainage.
 - 43rd St parking garage. 600 spaces. Opened in Fall 2005.
 - Physical Science bldg Phase II. 60k sf of oceanography research labs. Orchid conservatory and greenhouse to be completed Fall 2006.
 - New Quad student housing. Remove Lot 27 (asphalt between Webb center and Field house) 900 beds with garden style apartments.). Phase 1&2 under construction now with 400 beds. Summer 06 will start next phase with other 500 beds.
 - Recreational Center and ESPERS facility. Demolish field house and keep aquatic portion. New bldg will be smaller footprint to get more fields. State of the art sports facility. Memberships to be offered to the community. Indoor tennis center. Opening Fall 206.
 - Other completed city projects on Powhatan included 43rd St expansion, golf course with club house and driving range, Maury-Granby stadium.
 - Hotel on Hampton Blvd, north of the Ted starting Feb 06.
 - 50k sf grocery store on Hampton Blvd south of the McDonalds to start Nov 06. Area will have additional retail space.
 - Innovation Research Park, east of the Ted starting Jan 06.
- Governor's budget impacts to ODU to be announced Dec 16th: Diehn II (fine arts), Research, others.
- University Village to get additional shops such as an Italian café, outdoor outfitters, Mexican restaurant, hairdresser.
- City has commissioned a land use and revitalization plan for the area between Hampton and Colley from the Lafayette River bridge to the 21st St underpass. To be completed by Summer 06.
- Questions from the audience:
 - Maglev project. ODU faculty and graduate students have taken over the project. 60-90 days for the final test. To determine if additional grant money will be requested.
 - Football would not be until Fall 09. Would play at Foreman field.
- Additional business:
 - **Motion:** Donate \$250 to each of the public schools serving the neighborhood (Larchmont Elem, Blair, Maury) 2nd. Vote: All for (verbal). **Approved.**
 - **Motion:** Donate \$250 to the family of the fallen police officer that served our sector. 2nd. Vote: All for (verbal). **Approved.**
 - Announcement. Maury HS Booster Association is selling citrus fruit. Schedule, pricing, and other information can be found at www.mauryboosters.org
- Meeting adjourned.
- Notes by Vickie Jones.