

Larchmont–Edgewater Civic League

Meeting: Winter 2007, December 13, 2007, 7:30 – 9:30pm

Attendance (approximate): 43

Location: Larchmont United Methodist Church

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

Synopsis of Meeting:

- Announcements from Dave O’Dell:
 - Announcements from GM Ziller (contact for additional information):
 - AARP tax program is looking for volunteers to help with tax preparation
 - Blood drive is currently happening in the church social hall until 9pm this evening.
 - Norfolk emergency shelter team – Larchmont Methodist will be hosting the week of 1Jan. Looking for volunteers to fix dinner and breakfast, help at night, etc.
 - Agenda:
 - PACE, Officer Routon
 - Election of civic league officers
 - ODU Master Plan Update, Bob Fenning.
 - Lafayette Wetlands Partnership Presentation, John Stewart.
- PACE. Officer Routon.
 - LT Boone, sector commander, is also in attendance.
 - Crime report: 1 aggravated assault (parties knew each other); 7 auto larceny from 1-12Dec – most were unlocked with valuables visible. Important to lock car doors and keep valuable out of sight. Lock house doors also.
 - Responses to questions from the audience:
 - Home burglary on Rockbridge - working.
 - Graffiti on Bolling and Buckingham – working.
 - Vandalism – black marker on cars. Unsolved.
- ODU Master Plan Update. Bob Fenning.
 - Goal to be in the top 100 research universities
 - Approx 22,000 students today
 - Initial phase of construction was to focus on improved appearance. Now working on creating improved environment for learning and research, more residential.
 - Update to master plan presentation. Key items addressed.
 - Lot 27 transformed into student housing and rec center. Fall 2009 completion will have 1300 beds.
 - Closing Elkhorn St permanently to car traffic (street behind Webb Center)
 - Batten Arts & Letters. Renovation complete on all 9 floors.
 - Kaplan Orchid Conservatory complete.
 - Physical Science Bldg II under construction
 - Folkes-Stevens Indoor tennis center complete (Aug 2007).

- Accomplishments: Developed a 3 year plan of action; Removed debris; Awarded the Norfolk Environmental Commission 2007 Environmental Stewardship Award for Excellence for Watershed Protection
- Upcoming Goals for 2008: North Shore – remove concrete, regrade, and replant; Restore wetlands soil and replant; Finalize and manage an annual maintenance program; and Encourage other neighbors to become good stewards.
- Goals for 2009-2010: Control stormwater runoff; Integrate the wetland into Colley Ave sidewalk; Improve educational signage.
- Anticipated costs for 2007-08: \$4500
- Become a partner
- Contact information: 757-623-8127;
<http://groups.google.com/group/lafayettewetlandspartnership>
- Copies of presentation available at the front.
- **Motion** from the floor to donate \$500 to Lafayette Wetlands Partnership. 2nd. Vote: All for, none opposed. **Passed.**
- Request form the audience for the Civic League to vote on and provide position to the City on Hampton Blvd Truck Ban. Will be on the agenda for the next meeting.
- Meeting adjourned.
- Notes by Vickie Jones.