

Northern Henrico Civic Association (NHCA)

Community Meeting

Tuesday, May 14, 2024, 6:30 p.m.

WELCOME/CALL TO ORDER: The meeting was called to order at 6:39 p.m. by President Dr. Delta Bowers. Attendees were welcomed to the meeting.

COMMUNITY: Attendees repeated the Pledge of Allegiance to the Flag.

REVIEW/APPROVAL OF MINUTES 03/12/2024: Copies of the minutes were distributed and read silently. *Motioned by Bill Schmidt to approve the minutes as received. Seconded by Rose Winston. Motion carried.*

SECURITY: Community Police Officer Pfister reported incidents for the period April 1st to date in the Henrico jurisdiction of Azalea to Chamberlayne to Hanover County line: 475 police service requests, 27 auto accidents, 20 auto larceny, 4 firearm violations, 4 stolen vehicles and trailer or autos left on street impeding traffic.

Residents raised concerns and Officer Pfister responded accordingly (*see italics*). Is trailer for shipping parked in driveway for short period of time a problem? *Not if on private property.* Heard a gunshot and concerned where it may come down. *Some cities have alarm system that alerts on whereabouts of gunshot.* Was told failure to pick up dog poop is not a violation. Are AirB&B's legal in Henrico? *Not certain, but there would be a code for operation.* Is there a leash law in Henrico? *Not in Henrico, however, if a dog bites, the owner will be fined.* Why is there a traffic counter on Dirk Road? *Control monitoring for engineering and/or safety.* Is the County considering installing speed cameras? *Not aware.* Need enforcement for speed issue at Dirk and Parham; lots of pedestrians. *Report activity and request speed study; results will determine further action.* Is it legal to grow marijuana in private yard? *Yes, up to four (4) plants. You may call if there is a concern.* Concern that communities are not receptive to young families. Need to enforce regulations that keep young children safe. *Teach safety tips to children and report any safety concerns to police.*

Officer Pfister was thanked for his report and response to residents' concerns.

INTRODUCTION OF NEW RESIDENTS: President Bowers asked new residents to make self-introductions. Several attendees responded and were extended a further welcome.

TREASURER'S REPORT: Phillip Kirby, Treasurer, distributed and reviewed the Financial Report for the period ending April 30, 2024 and the Proposed NHCA 2024-2025 Budget.

Beginning cash balance as of Fiscal Year June 1, 2023 **\$32,630.99**

	ACTUAL	FISCAL YTD
Income	\$.06	\$19,955.33
Less Expense	\$2,561.88	\$41,329.09
Income over (under) expense	(\$2,561.82)	(\$21,373.76)

Cash Balance 04/30/2024 **\$11,257.23**

NHCA PROPOSED 2024-2025 BUDGET: Mr. Kirby reviewed the budget by line item.

Income	\$21,000.00
Less Expenses	\$37,460.00
BALANCE: Expenses over Income	(\$16,460.00)

It was noted that the carryover balance from the 2023-2024 fiscal year is not inclusive in the projected budget. Discussion ensued regarding concern that expenses exceed income by a significant amount. It was suggested that additional support be given to increase membership, thereby increasing income. Residents Rose Winston and Joyce Newsome volunteered to coordinate a Membership Open House. Other volunteers are welcome to assist. Suggestion was given to announce and solicit NHCA membership at PTA meetings. Approval of the proposed budget was tabled.

Motioned by Ricardo McMoore that NHCA operate on continued resolution. Seconded by Bill Schmidt. Motion carried.

Mr. McMoore volunteered to head a committee to fund raise for a defibrillator.

COMMUNITY MAINTENANCE: President Bowers referred to property maintenance activities listed on the meeting agenda. She appealed to residents to adhere.

MARKETING: President Bowers reported that an annual NHCA newsletter will be forwarded to residents highlighting NHCA activities. The newsletter will include an appeal for NHCA membership.

BUILDING AND GROUNDS: NHCA grounds are maintained by Capital Landscaping.

NHCA MEMBERSHIP DRIVE: Carmen Daugherty, VP Membership reported the following:

1 new membership since last meeting

194 members current Fiscal Year (29 fewer than last year)

49 contributors to Capital Campaign

Fund balance to date \$7,548.00

Resident inquired what is alternative to writing a check to pay dues. Mr. Kirby, Treasurer, responded that he will look into it.

COUNTY/COMMUNITY INITIATIVES: Bill Schmidt, NHCA Coordinator, reported the following: Entrance to Fall Line Trail at Lakeside underway. Problem with dam at Bryan Park. Wilkerson Road bridge projected for completion May 2025. St. Charles extension begins this month. Overton Lake at Three Fountains drained and will be refilled. Sewer project at Three Fountains North done this month. Improvements on Woodman Road. Henrico Community Safety Coalition focus on proposed Arrive Alive project with funding for transportation safety. A public hearing will be held June 3-5, 7:00 p.m. at Belmont Recreation Center. A weekly newsletter is available to keep residents apprised of ongoing projects.

Mr. Schmidt was thanked for his update.

Dr. Bowers announced ***National Night Out, August 6, 2024, 5:30 p.m.*** with activities at the NHCA facility and grounds. Residents were encouraged to attend and pass the word.

NHCA IMPROVEMENTS: Dr. Bowers reported that round tables are still on the agenda to be purchased.

NHCA BOARD OF DIRECTORS (FY 2024-2025): There were no nominees or volunteers to serve in the new Fiscal Year. The FY 2023-2024 Board of Directors has agreed to remain in position on the NHCA Board for the 2024-2025 Fiscal Year period.

SPECIAL PRESENTATION: Daniel Hughes, resident youth, gave a rousing speech appealing that youth be engaged and contributors to moving society forward. He noted a personal concern to address homeless shelters issues. Mr. Hughes was thanked for his well-received presentation and welcomed back.

50/50 RAFFLE

\$31 won by Rolanda Burns

Praying hands figurine (donated by Ms. Burns) won by Pernell Brown.

ADJOURNMENT: With no further business the meeting was adjourned at 8:35 p.m.

Respectfully submitted,

Phyllis M. Washington, Secretary