



Northampton Civic League (NHCL) Minutes 02/02/2010

Opening:

The February meeting of the Northampton Civic League (NHCL) was officially called to order at 7:05 PM by Matt Asay, President. There were 11 people in attendance.

The meeting opened with the pledge of Allegiance.

President Asay acknowledged guests and visitors. He welcomed Kraig Cole, President and Susan Dow associated with the Northampton Pool Association; Harold Pittman, member and president of the Northampton Lions Club and Jonathan McBride, Neighborhood Office Associate.

Flora Randall, Secretary summarized the minutes from the January 2010 meeting. The minutes were approved with corrections unanimously.

Samara Walker, NHCL Treasurer provided a summary of the league finances for February 2010, and the report was approved.

Date	Beginning Balance	Credits	Expenses	Ending Balance
FEB. 2010	\$490.89	0.00	-\$110.15	\$380.74

(Treasurer stated that additional expenditures would be reported next month)

Guest Speaker:

Harold Pittman, President of the Northampton Lions Club shared information about the Lions Club. Meetings are the second Monday of each month at the Arbors, and members pay their own expenses at the meetings. However, next month meeting will be at the Holiday Inn. The Lions Club collect used eyeglasses, and help to provide eyeglasses and hearing aids to the needed. He also extended an invitation to the league to partner with the Lions to clean up an interstate ramp when the weather is permitting. Contact Phone numbers (757) 873-1689 and (757) 826-4546.

Forum:

Jonathan McBride, Neighborhood Staff presented information on 3 neighborhood grant programs.

- Neighborhood Improvement Fund Program:
 - Level of funding is for two levels: Registered Neighborhood Organizations and Non-Registered Neighborhood Organizations. Both levels are to support projects that involve physical improvements on public property. Registered Neighborhood Organizations can apply for up to \$100,000 funds with a match of 10% and Non-Registered Neighborhood Organizations can apply for up to \$12, 500 with a match of 20%. Some examples are



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neighborhood signs or the signs at Wythe and Kraft Elementary School. Deadlines are March 31, June 30 and Sept 30.

- 400th Anniversary Project Grant:
 - Should tie back with the history of Hampton and relate to the 400th Anniversary of Hampton celebration in 2010. Your donation can be materials, volunteer labor or money. Grant amount up to \$1, 000. Deadlines are March 31, June 30 and Sept 30.
- Community Action Project Grant (CAP):
 - This grant is for people who are not involved and have not been involved in local neighborhood groups for awhile. Matching grant amount up to \$500 per eligible project in your community. These are small scale community projects. Deadlines are March 31, June 30 and Sept 30.

For additional information on the grant funds, visit the Neighborhood Web Site. Note: A link is provided to the City of Hampton Web Site on the leagues web site.

Old Business:

Meeting Night Survey: President Asay presented the results of the survey in reference to the time frame for the regular league meeting. There was a response from 10 with Tuesday night scoring as the favorite meeting night. The second was Wednesday night. For more information on the survey visit the league web site.

Status of forums:

- March 2, 2010 – Candidates for Office of Hampton City Council. League received commitments from Will Moffett, Chris Stuart, Donnie Tuck and Paige Washington.
- April 6, 2000 – Hampton Codes Compliance – League has not received a response from John Millette, City staff.
- May 4, 2010 – Schools – League has not received a response from Ann Banes, Hampton City Schools. Free Weatherization Assistance Program - League has received a response form the Office of Human Affairs.
- June 1, 2010 – Hampton Police Department (HPD) Citizen Observer Web – League has not received a response from Cpl Mark Kincaid, Community Relations.
- July 6, 2010 – Hampton’s 311 Customer Call Center – League received a response that D. T. Russell has committed.
- The tour of the new school is still pending a response from Ann Banes, Hampton City Schools.

Recognition of Heroes in the Community: Samara Walker reported that the young man mentioned in last month’s league meeting had already received recognition for his heroic actions.



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Holiday 09 Social: Caroline Phaup provided a holiday check list, 3 small holiday baskets and 2 red table cloths to the secretary from the Holiday 09 social. President Asay will provide receipts for \$56.57 to the treasurer for re-imbursement of expenses for the social.

Cheryl McElraft inquired about linking the league web site with Facebook. This was an email suggestion that web master Darryl Krauch had previously recommended. It was discussed and a decision was not made.

Darryl has been updating the Web Site to include the Weekly News, as well as a few other enhancements. Anita Harrell has shared that she will not be able to continue working with him on the Web Site due to other commitments.

New Business:

Ideas for the grant programs: President Asay seeking ideas for the grant programs that the league could do.

- Posting a permanent sign that reads that the league meets at the community center was suggested.
- A suggestion was made to obtain league signs that members could post in their yards announcing the leagues monthly Tuesday night meetings.
- Karen Duncan suggested having Mr. Harris to do an oral history for the 400th Anniversary. President Asay also suggested Paul Sanborn.
- President Asay and Vice President Duncan volunteered to work through ideas for the grant programs.
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Kraig Cole, visitor spoke about the Northampton Pool Association. The association applies for matching grants and has a really good swim team (Championship Northampton Marlins). The pool is one of the largest in Hampton. The association also provides discounts to the military and the enjoyment that the pool brings to the children in Northampton.

Note: For more information, visit the Northampton Pool Association Web Site.

Membership:

There was one renewal (Carolyn Phaup) and no new members.

Adjournment:

President Asay adjourned the meeting at 9:00 PM. The next meeting will be on 03/02/2010.



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Action Items:

- President Asay and Vice President Duncan to work through ideas for the grant programs.
- Selvin Walker accepted an action to talk with the guidance counselors to find a teen for the NHCL membership gift to the new Hampton Teen Center. (carried over from the 01/05/10 minutes)
- Selvin Walker to look into polo shirts with the league's logo. (carried over from the 01/05/10 minutes)
- League need to provide Darryl an answer on linking the league web site with Facebook.
- President Asay will continue to work on forums.

Attendees:

Matt Asay	Alonzo Duncan	Flora Randall	Samara Walker
Carolyn Phaup	Cheryl McElraft	Harold Pittman	Randall Michalos
Susan Dow (visitor)	Kraig Cole (visitor)	Jonathan McBride (guest)	

Flora J. Randall
NHCL Secretary

As corrected and approved at the April 6, 2010 meeting