



Northampton Civic League (NHCL) Minutes 05/04/2010

Opening:

The May meeting of the Northampton Civic League (NHCL) was officially called to order at 7:15 PM by Matt Asay, President. There were 9 people in attendance.

The meeting opened with the pledge of Allegiance.

President Asay announced the 400th Anniversary grant approval by the city for the submittal by the league. Still waiting on the results from the city for approval of the other grant.

President Asay addressed an old newspaper clipping from the 50's that John Tyree had of a Mr. Robert Speegle, a former contractor in Hampton who voted for a President back in 1880. John submitted the article to be scanned for the album. John also shared information about Mr. Speegle immense land ownership in and around Northampton and also about Mr. Hyatt who was a photographer in that time period.

Flora Randall, Secretary summarized the minutes from the April 2010 meeting. The minutes were approved unanimously.

President Asay addressed some pictures that Vice President Duncan had emailed to him and that he would later forward those pictures to the rest of the League. Vice President Duncan shared that he and wife Karen, District I Commissioner had attended the 400th Anniversary event held recently at Strawberry Banks recognizing the 1610 landing in Hampton.

Old Business:

Leagues Fourth Forum – Free Weatherization Program:

April McNair, Weatherization Intake Technician spoke about the Free Weatherization Program and how it helps qualifying homes occupied by low-income families, the elderly and individuals with disabilities. This program is offered through the Office of Human Affairs located in Newport News. She provided hand outs and applications as well as contact information. April also emphasized that the program is income based. It does not paint your home, unclog your pipes. The program just makes your home energy efficient. The program provides blowing of insulation in your attic and sidewalls; Weather Stripping the doors and adding door sweeps and caulking windows and repairing or replacing heating systems.

The league discussed notifying the city so that this information can go out to the residents in the city of Hampton and provide more visibility of the program. Karen Duncan volunteered to notify the Neighborhood Office about the program.



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New Business:

Vice President Duncan shared that he and his wife Karen, District I Commissioner attended a session presented by Senator Mamie E. Locke. Senator Locke spoke on a Legislation that recently passed that would benefit Fort Monroe. The legislation is SB 315, which establishes the Fort Monroe Authority as a public boy corporate and as a subdivision of the Commonwealth to be governed by an 11 member Board of Trustees. As a result of this decision Fort Monroe will cease to exist as an army base in September 2011.

Karen Duncan, District I Commissioner discussed the \$21 Million budget gap problem the city has and that it would affect the Neighborhood Office, and would result in re-organization of that dept in July. Grant Money would be affected and could be significantly cut. She shared with President Asay that he would need to complete any other outstanding issues with the Neighborhood Office so that the leagues grant approvals were complete and official.

Karen shared that the Benjamin Landing Subdivision in Northampton has serious traffic problems. Mail boxes have been destroyed, numerous accidents, vehicles totaled from accidents, and excessive speeding. Residents want speed bumps installed but did not meet the requirements. The city will do a follow up study. (Note: Benjamin Landing is used by some as a short cut between busy Mercury Blvd and Todd's Lane)

Samara Walker provided the treasurer report near the end of the meeting and was approved unanimously with corrections.

Date	Beginning Balance	Credits	Expenses	Ending Balance
April 2010	\$380.74	\$20.00	-98.11	\$302.63

(May 2010 treasurer report to be reported at next month's meeting)

Membership:

No new members joined.



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Adjournment:

President Asay adjourned the meeting at 8:40 PM. The next meeting will be on 06/01/2010.

Action Items:

- President Asay and Vice President Duncan have sign up sheets for volunteers to sign up to help with both grants program initiatives.
- Selvin Walker accepted an action to talk with 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)
- President Asay will continue to work on forums. (carried over from the 02/02/10 minutes)
- Address City Council about informing citizens about the Chesapeake Bay Act and impact within our communities; and how it affects resident homes that are located near the lakes, such as on Lynnhaven Drive. (carried over from the 04/06/10 minutes – need a volunteer).
- Karen Duncan volunteered to notify the Neighborhood Office about the Free Weatherization Program, so that the residents of Hampton would have more visibility about this program.
- President Asay to contact the Neighborhood Office to complete any final issues or obligations that would make the leagues 400 Grant fund approval official.

Attendees:

Matt Asay
Carolyn Phaup
Samara Walker

Alonzo Duncan
Cheryl McElraft
and April McNair (guest)

Flora Randall
John Tyree

Selvin Walker
Randall Michalos

Flora J. Randall
NHCL Secretary
As corrected and approved at the 6/1/2010 meeting