

The regular meeting of the Northampton Civic League (HNCL) was called to order at 7:05 p.m. by Selvin Walker, NHCL President. Carolyn Phaup served as acting secretary in the absence of the Secretary, Matt Asay. Five members and 2 guests were in attendance.

The meeting opened with reciting of the Pledge of Allegiance to the Flag.

President Walker welcomed members and introduced guests, Mike and Bernadet Nugent. Samara Walker will mail a membership application to them.

### **League Business:**

President, Selvin Walker distributed the minutes for review; copies had previously been e-mailed. Samara Walker moved to accept the minutes as presented. The motion was seconded and approved as presented.

The treasurer, Samara Walker, reported a beginning balance of \$446.00. A \$10.00 check was received and deposited on February 19 for membership dues for Carolyn Phaup. Ending balance was \$456.00. There being no corrections, the report was filed for audit.

### **Matters from League Officers:**

It was noted by President Selvin Walker that the revised By-laws e-mailed to NHCL members needed additional clarification due to the changes in the league's boundaries. Corrected copies will be distributed prior to the April meeting. The city of Hampton will be notified of the changes in the boundaries.

President, Selvin, announced that the NHCL will hold a Membership Campaign in April where members will adopt a neighborhood and distribute flyers on behalf of the league (preferably not in their own neighborhoods) and canvas residents on what they would like to see in their community and to invite them to a meeting. The April meeting will be devoted to brainstorming on marketing ideas for a flyer and other advertisement strategies for the Membership Campaign.

The City of Hampton is holding a City Hall hearing to discuss the "real estate tax rate". Selvin asked the group, how we felt about attending the City Hall Hearing as a league. After receiving affirmations from the members he announced that the NHCL, as a league, plans to attend the Public Hearing on the Public Tax Rates on May 13, 2009. – Prior to the meeting members should speak to their neighbors about any concerns they have with their assessments.

Selvin provided Cheryl McElraft with a list of inactive members to call and invite to the next meeting. She will also ask about their interest in attending future meetings or if they want to be removed from the list.

Selvin will look at reactivating the "Calling Post", which allows for mass calling - An

implementation date to be determined.

### **Matters from Members and Guests**

Selvin Walker, NHCL President responded to guest, Bernadette Nugent's question about the benefits of civic league membership, in part, by encouraging member involvement in city programs such as the Neighborhood College, CERT, Crime & Grime patrols, neighborhood tours and other programs available to Hampton residents..

The meeting adjourned at 8:33 p.m. The next meeting is scheduled for April 7, 2009.

There were no membership renewals and no new members.

Attendees were:

Selvin Walker  
Samara Walker  
Alonzo Duncan  
Cheryl McElraft  
Carolyn Phaup  
Mike and Bernadette Nugent (guests)

### **Action Items:**

(Items carried over from previous meetings)

- Karen Duncan to distribute information on the meeting schedules of other civic organizations.
- Samara Walker to provide list of members needing renewal notices to Matt Asay
- Karen Duncan to provide information on the new Neighborhood College structure and class schedule.
- Karen Duncan to provide information on the new Neighborhood Commission small grant process.
- Selvin Walker to distribute T-shirt ordering information to members via Matt Asay.
- Matt Asay to update the NHCL membership brochure to reflect the new boundaries.

(New items)

- Samara Walker to mail membership application to our guests.
- All members to bring ideas for fliers and other advertising strategies for membership campaign to the April meeting.
- All members to speak to neighbors about assesment concerns and attend May 13 public hearing on tax rates.
- Cheryl McElraft to contact missing and expired members about rejoining the NHCL.

Carolyn K. Phaup  
Acting Secretary

Matt Asay  
NHCL Secretary

As approved at the April 7, 2009 meeting.  
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