

The April meeting of the Northampton Civic League (NHCL) was called to order at 7:10 PM by Selvin Walker, NHCL President. Nine (9) people were in attendance.

The meeting opened with a pledge to the flag.

Flora Randall (Acting Secretary) in Matt Asay, NHCL Secretary absence summarized the minutes from the March meeting. The minutes were approved with no corrections.

Samara Walker, NHCL Treasurer provided a summary of the League finances. There were no disbursements and the opening and ending balance were the same at \$388.23.

President Walker continued on Agenda and acknowledged (3) visitors that had received prior approval to speak at the League meeting:

- Ms. Nanette Sandberg - Registered Nurse, Oncology Associates at Sentara Careplex Hospital, Hampton VA.
- Donnie Tuck – Contractor, Candidate for the upcoming May 2008 election for Hampton City Council.
- George Wallace – adjunct professor, consultant and former city manager, Candidate for the upcoming May 2008 election for Hampton City Council.

Mr. Donnie Tuck, candidate for Hampton City Council: Shared some of his campaign strategies: concerns on Drainage and Flooding; City investment in procuring real estate property, no accounting of the actual amount; Real Estate Tax increases and needed reductions; High School Dropout rates and needed counter actions; and also fielded questions from the floor.

Ms. Sandberg, Registered Nurse: Provided a PowerPoint presentation on Colorectal Cancer. She presented an extremely helpful awareness of this form of cancer in these areas:

- March 2008 was Colorectal Cancer Month.
- Defined Cancer and more in depth Colorectal Cancer.
- Explained the lower and upper Colon, and Cancer polyps.
- Provided Statistics, risks, symptoms, methods used to detect; and suggestions on how to reduce the risk and what you should do. She extended an offer for future presentations.

Mr. George Wallace, candidate for Hampton City Council: Shared some of his previous experiences as the Hampton City Manager and some of his campaign strategies with emphasis on over 30 – years of service as a city servant that he wanted to give back to the city; Return to the Neighborhood Planning that had been developed during his tenure but never implemented; To maintain a 97% citizen satisfaction rate that was there during his tenure; The need for another

hotel and how the city of Hampton through sales, meals, amusement and entertainment taxes can increase revenues. The importance of maintaining the working relationship between City Council and the School board. He also field questions from the floor.

President Walker thanked the visitors for sharing their time at this League meeting and extended an invitation to them to remain for the remainder of the meeting. He proceeded with His agenda as outlined.

### **League Activities:**

NUSA 2008 (Neighborhoods, USA 2008 Conference): May 21 through May 24, 2008: President Walker announced this major event (neighborhood partnership) to occur in the city of Hampton. Encouraged participation as a volunteer or sign up for enrollment at a cost of \$295.00 per person. This would be a wonderful opportunity as well as a learning experience. Mentioned that next year will be held in Spokane, WA.

President Walker shared that council member Angela Leary spoke recently to about 10 people in his neighborhood, by the pond, in the cold. President Walker noted through neighborly conversations with a few Farmington Residents that not all were enthused about the construction of the new school.

More on flooding, new school concerns will be addressed after the May Elections are over.

Neighborhood Watch and Security (Emergency Preparedness): Member McBride SR shared that no residents showed up to join the city in the last walk through. President Walker encouraged everyone to become involved and participate prior to June.

Discussions into gangs and gang related activity: Observations of gatherings at various locations; half-way houses populating the neighborhoods. Suggestion was made for a presentation here at the Northampton Community Center on Gangs by the Hampton Officer that presents at the West Hampton Community Center. Listed in Action Items.

Publications: Previous newsletter received rave reviews from the League. Tanis, newsletter publisher was not present to discuss the newsletter for upcoming events and information. Listed in Action Items.

Officer Matters: None

Matters by the Public: None.

Membership: No new members joined at this meeting.

Adjournment: President Walker adjured the meeting at 8:45 PM. The next meeting will be on May 6, 2008.

**NHCL appreciates** visitors; those interested in joining; and neighbors identifying issues that we should work together for resolution in our neighborhood.

**Action Items:**

- President to look into having the HPD officer to do a gang related presentation for citizens at the Northampton Community Center. (Similar to West Hampton).
- Items came up that would be ideal candidates for the NHCL newsletter. Tanis, newsletter publisher can check with President Walker.

Flora Randall,  
Acting Secretary at April meeting

Matt Asay  
NHCL Secretary

As corrected and approved at the May 6, 2008 meeting.