

The June meeting of the Northampton Civic League (NHCL) was called to order at 7:05 PM by Selvin Walker, NHCL President. (7) people were in attendance.

The meeting opened with a pledge to the flag.

Selvin Walker, President shared that he had recently encounter Darryl (NHCL web Master) working at his old home in Northampton to support its closing. He also mentions seeing Karen Duncan, Neighborhood Commissioner.

Flora Randall (Acting Secretary) in Matt Asay, NHCL Secretary absence summarized the minutes from the May meeting. The minutes were approved with two corrections.

Samara Walker, NHCL Treasurer provided a summary of the League finances. The opening balance was \$388.23 and \$10.00 in dues had been collected but will be deposited prior to the next meeting. The ending balance was now \$398.23. The report was approved.

Selvin acknowledged Mr. John Johnson who would speak shortly at the meeting and Karen Duncan, First District Commissioner.

The President did a round table to allow everyone to discuss items or concerns that they had:

Wendell Midkiff:

Concerns with tall grass, American Flag displayed in poor condition and a portable sign that appears not to be in accordance with city codes requirements. This is the Construction site at Winchester and Willow Drive. The tall grass was reported and had been cut.

Selvin Walker:

He wants to hold off on getting the principals at one of the NHCL meetings based on new information that he obtained during the NUSA 2008. (He said Flo had drafted and emailed the Principals invitational letter for members review and we would be getting back to it). He wants to include the Transition Youth in the meeting when it occurs. There have been some leadership changes and he wants to include them.

Selvin shared that he does volunteer work with Transitions. He will forward emails concerning abuse and domestic violence as well as solicit help.

Power Point Presentation:

Selvin was provided this presentation by Ernest Nortey, city planner to present and provide

an answer back by July 3. Planning plans to presents this proposal to City Council on July 3. Not all NHCL members were present to observe the presentation and the President stated that Benjamin Landing and Farmington should be included. He would email those parties. When all of the feedback on the presentation is collected he would provide an answer back to the city.

The proposal is for a storage area to be located at 2201 Todd's Lane. It will be a multiple story, General Commercial District (C -3). It will also feature a drainage pond. Selvin shared that it is similar to another storage area at Settlers Landing and LaSalle that was constructed a few years ago.

Selvin questioned if this is the same gentleman that worked the project at Pembroke Avenue and Lincoln Street.

Selvin also questioned concerns with drainage, elevation, and how it will fit into the Coliseum Central Plans.

Selvin continued on Agenda and acknowledged (1) visitor that had received prior approval to speak at the League meeting:

Mr. John E. Johnson: Associate of Fidelity Mutual Mortgage – Reverse Mortgages and Agent for Aflac –Virginia Beach, VA (also works with another associate Lucy Early)

Mr. Johnson shared how he became introduced to Reverse Mortgages. His father passed from cancer and his mother was able to obtain a reverse mortgage to pay off debts as well as maintain a life style. He identified that the one qualifier is that you have to be age 62 or older. This will allow a home owner to unlock their mortgage; they can receive a lump sum, line of credit or a monthly payment. Counseling is one upfront expense you may incur, because it is recommended at the home owners expense to ensure you understand what you are getting into. The home owner will also have to pay for an appraisal. Another key point is that any existing mortgages are also paid off. Many affluent home owners are using the money for investment purposes. He identified that his purpose was to educate the public and sell himself. For those interested, he does not have set office hours; works by appointments and will come to the clients. He shared that he also sells Aflac for specific needs.

Selvin thanked Mr. Johnson and identified that the NHCL has a web site that local business's can place an ad.

Flo Randall shared a story from the NUSA 2008 Conference and presented Karen Duncan with a pin representing one of the seminars that Karen worked.

Selvin thanked all of the members that volunteered for NUSA 2008. He asked all of the volunteers to be at the July 08 meeting and bring all of their NUSA pouches with them.

Karen Duncan shared a bit about the Seminar - Community Weaving she worked and how the speaker pretty much knocked all of the chairs over as an eye opener. When participants came into the room they question where to sit and the speaker linked all of the disarray back to today's communities. Karen also had a copy of Michael Jacoby Browns book and would share with the other members. Samara Walker suggested that instead of reading the book maybe each person could read a chapter and report on that.

Adjournment: President Walker adjourned the meeting at 8:25 PM. The next meeting will be on July 1, 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 will email the proposed storage site Power Point Presentation to members, Benjamin Landing and Farmington. He will reduce the size so that it will not be so bulky. When he receives all feedback he will provide an answer back to the city planning department.

Chris Hosman still needs to send Matt additional information about the Ham Radio Field Day. (Action from previous meeting)

President will finalize outstanding actions leading up to invitation to principals in District 1 to attend NHCL meeting.

Wendell to do some searching through his achieves for past proposals for storage areas in the Northampton area and report his findings to help with the NHCL answer to the Planning Department.
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As recorded by Flora Randall
(Acting Secretary for Matt Asay, NHCL Secretary)

Matt Asay
NHCL Secretary

As corrected and approved at the July 1, 2008 meeting.
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