

# Northampton Civic League Minutes 07/10/2007

*[My thanks to Flora Randall for taking minutes at the July meeting in my absence - Matt Asay]*

The July meeting of the Northampton Civic league was called to order at 7:00 PM by NHCL President Bernice Jackson, with (8) people present.

The meeting opened with a pledge to the flag.

The President announced that Secretary Matt Asay was out recovering from recent surgery. She also solicited help with the minutes for this meeting.

President Jackson covered old business at hand, and inquired of any new business.

## Upcoming Meetings or forums of interest

Discussion on the new K-8 School to be located behind Bethel High School.

Come and share questions - **Hampton Police Dept Accreditation**- August 6, 2007 - 6:00 PM- Veterans Conference Room-Sargent Administrative Bldg 1. If you cannot attend then call the day before with your questions between the hours of 2:00 - 4:00 PM at 727-6509.

## Organizational Development

The President turned the Meeting over to Jonathan McBride , City of Hampton Neighborhood Office Associate to continue the 'brainstorming session' on Organization Values.

McBride started out the session using his facilitator skills with an 'ice breaker'. Everyone in attendance had to write down and list three items about themselves: (2) were items that were true and the remaining item was something about themselves that was false. When completed , all participates walked around, exchanged papers and guessed each members item that was false. If the member guessed wrong, they had to sign on the back of that members sheet. When finished, the numbers on the back were shared and a discussion on what each member learned about other members. McBride encouraged the League to continue to use this ice breaker. This would help members to know each other ; know something that they normally would not know about each other; and add a bit of FUN to the meetings.

McBride continued working the brainstorming session using easel board sheets placed on the walls and also provided handouts . He had listed all of the June 07 brainstorming ideas collectively under (3) Topics:

- Organization Values/Outcomes (Internal)
- Community Topics of Interest (External) and
- Partnership (Strategic)

These topics were open for group discussions. He provided buttons to each member. The members placed buttons beside the items under the topics on the easel board sheets that they considered to be most important . The totals were ranked. The meeting time became a factor and McBride to email President Jackson this info as an attachment . She will email - distribute to the League members to obtain feedback for those that were not in attendance and to have that feedback at the August 07 meeting to start goal setting.

Just prior to closing different issues were discussed to provide a bit of clarity, and more discussion to come:

Retention ( what are others doing and what can the League do?)

- Form Committee Chairs? If this is the type structure the league decides to have.
- Elections within the League
- Have a Representative of the city to speak for 15 mins at the beginning of meetings.

- Balance - Involve members.
- Training
- The notes from the June 07 meeting and an action requesting members to have some ideas on internal and external initiatives will be discussed in the August 07 meeting. (Secretary Matt Asay had previously emailed out to the members prior to the meeting).

#### League Acknowledgments

- The League also wishes Secretary Matt Asay full recovery from his surgery and that his absence from the meeting was well noted and that we as members missed his presence. Hats off to you Matt during your recovery.
- Thanks to Jonathan McBride, City of Hampton Neighborhood Office for his Facilitator Skills.
- Welcome - extended to all members to come on out and join us the first Tuesday or each month as we work to form a solid and strong League within your community. Your input is an important value.

The meeting adjourned at about 8:55 PM

Memberships: There were no renewals and no new members.

**Matt Asay, NHCL Secretary**

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