

The regular meeting of the Northampton Civic League (NHCL) was called to order at 7:05 p.m. by Selvin Walker, NHCL President. Six members and 1 guest were in attendance.

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

President Walker welcomed members and guests.

### **League Business:**

President Selvin Walker distributed his agenda.

Secretary Matt Asay reviewed the **minutes** of the June meeting. Two corrections were noted. The minutes were approved unanimously as corrected.

Treasurer, Samara Walker distributed the June **treasurer's report**. Last month's opening and closing balances were the same at \$486.00. The report was approved unanimously as presented.

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

Vice President Alonzo Duncan gave a summary of the Youth Violence Prevention meeting he attended on June 20th at Y. H. Thomas. The meeting was hosted by Delegate Mary Christian and included presentations by Sabrina Jones of The Partnership for Youth Violence Prevention and Congressman Bobby Scott who his proposed Youth PROMISE Act. The group is seeking a reduction in the increasing rates of youth violence and crime. They are looking for citizen input and involvement. Members interested in participating can contact Sabrina Jones or Delegate Christian. The Vice President circulated several handouts and offered to make them available by email to all interested members.

President Walker noted a request for updated information received from the Neighborhood Office. He inquired if we were still happy with our "1st Tuesday of the month" meeting schedule. The consensus seemed to be that this was still a good time, although someone pointed out that we were asking the question of people who were able to attend a Tuesday meeting. He indicated that he would confirm our schedule was unchanged.

Selvin also indicated that he had received a request from the **Hampton Planning Office** to provide the league with a briefing on proposals to rework the zoning ordinance. They are seeking community input. He has put them on our August meeting agenda. The presentation will be about 10 minutes long and be followed by a Q&A session.

The **Hampton City School District** is seeking input from residents on how to make schools better. President Walker will forward their questionnaire to Secretary Matt Asay for distribution to the members.

President Walker continued the discussion from last month about our upcoming **membership campaign**. We finalized work on the draft of a new recruiting tool, a double-sided tri-fold flier.

President Walker will finish the cleanup of the draft. He will mail it out and would like all feedback in by Saturday. In addition to the feedback on the content, members will let him know how many copies they would like for distribution. Next Wednesday he will have copies for each person available for pick up at the Community Center. The goal is to distribute the copies between Wednesday and the next meeting on August 4th. That meeting is mentioned in this version of the flier. Matt will try to find or develop a better NHCL logo picture to include in the new brochure.

Member Butch Heath who serves on the **Hampton Planning Commission** announced that after 9 years on the commission the August meeting would be his last. He asked that anyone who is interested in being considered for his seat let him know. He will also be retiring from government service on August 1st after 26 years. The members wished him well and thanked him for his service.

President Walker also noted that the NHCL will be holding elections in November with the new officers taking over in December. The league's bylaws prevent him from running for another term.

The meeting adjourned at 8:40 p.m. The next meeting is scheduled for August 4, 2009.

There were no renewals and no new members.

Attendees were:

Selvin Walker	Flo Randall	Samara Walker
Alonzo Duncan	Matt Asay	Butch Heath
Cheryl McElraft	Jim Harris (guest)	

#### **Action Items:**

(Items carried over from previous meetings)

- Karen Duncan to distribute information on the meeting schedules of other civic organizations.
- 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 find or develop a better version of the NHCL logo picture for the brochure (New items)
- Alonzo Duncan to distribute information on the youth violence and crime prevention initiative.
- Selvin Walker to distribute information on the Hampton School questionnaire.
- All members to review the draft recruiting flier and indicate by Saturday how many copies they want to distribute.

Matt Asay NHCL Secretary

As approved at the September 1, 2009 meeting