

Northampton Civic League

Minutes 08/02/2005

The August meeting was called to order about 7:10 pm. Ms. Jackson suggested new business should be postponed until the September 05 meeting because of number of speakers and limited time allocated for the meeting. Suggestion was approved by membership.

- The meeting was opened with the pledge of allegiance to the flag. There were 17 persons in attendance.
- Minutes from the July 05 meeting were read and approved by attending membership.
- Secretary, Matt Asay, was not in attendance.
- Treasurer's Report was given and accepted by members as read. Paul Grimes the current treasurer requested to leave the position as other business does not allow him time to fulfill duties of the position. Paul was thanked by the president for his service to the league and resignation was accepted by the membership present. Some of the information held by the treasurer was to be turned over to Mr. Asay.

New Business Presenters:

- Mr. Don Smith -Self Storage

Mr. Smith representing or owner of Self Storage owns two properties, 4&1/2 acres numbers 1105 and 1109 on Big Bethel road. He is asking for a re-zoning of said properties and is asking approval to build a self storage facility at this location. The proposed plan is for a two story facility, one thousand units, operating 7AM to 8PM, with projected 15 visits a day to the business.

The league at this point began discussing the latest developments in the Walmart on the Express Way and a meeting of the Newport News city council on August 8th,05 on this matter.

- At this point an attending member who lives in Michael's Woods raised opposition to the Storage facility proposal. Ways of obtaining positions of residents on this proposal was briefly discussed by the league membership. No position was taken on this matter at this time.
- Mr. Greg Allen - American Classic Self Storage

Mr. Allen currently owns the storage facility by Long John Silvers on Bethel Road. He has 65k sq ft. with one story storage buildings on ½ acre. He is proposing to add 100 units on 1300 sq ft with temperature controlled units.

- Mr. John Eagle - Information Tech for Hampton City and Mr. Allen Lambert - Information Systems.

These gentlemen explained the operation of the city putting information on the net pertaining to resident home location and property transactions. Program was started to eliminate calls for information at city offices. They feel everything is legal and many other organizations are putting out just as much information on the net. They sell information to some requestors.

- Ms. Maria Arnt - Hampton Roads Transit

Ms. Arnt presented the outlook of the HRT in efforts to provide public mass transportation for the future. Various bus and rail systems are being considered along with plans to work with all area cities including South Side.

Meeting was adjourned about 8:55. Next meeting will be Sept 6,05