

The regular meeting of the Northampton Civic League (NHCL) was called to order at 7:11 p.m. by Selvin Walker, NHCL President. Nine members and 1 guest were in attendance.

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

League Business:

President Walker welcomed members and guests. He distributed copies of the agenda for the evening.

Secretary Matt Asay presented the Minutes from the October meeting. The minutes were approved unanimously with no corrections.

Treasurer Samara Walker then presented the Treasurer's Report. The starting balance was \$499.79. \$20.00 in dues was received. There were no expenses, so the ending balance was \$519.79. The report was approved unanimously by the membership.

Samara also presented the bill for \$68.90 for the flowers for Wendell Midkiff. A motion to reimburse the expense was approved unanimously by the membership.

Elections for 2010 Officers

Secretary Matt Asay presented a list of candidates who had agreed to run for civic league officers for 2010:

- Matt Asay for President
- Alonzo Duncan for Vice President
- Samara Walker for Treasurer
- Flora Randall for Secretary

After opening the floor for additional nominations and receiving none, the President declared the nominations closed. Ballots were distributed to the members. Taina Chapman of the Community Center staff agreed to tally the results. Each candidate was elected unanimously. The league thanked Ms. Chapman for her assistance.

Matters from Members

Carolyn Phaup presented a report from the Holiday Party planning committee and solicited additional ideas and support from the membership. The event will include presentation of a plaque to Wendell Midkiff's family recognizing his contributions to the league and the community.

Flora Randall volunteered to prepare the plaque.

The members discussed possible forums at league meetings during 2010 and came up with the

following initial list:

- Codes and Compliance
- Schools
- Police Community Relations
- Neighborhood Grant Process

Additional ideas will be solicited at the pot luck dinner.

Member Anita Harrell inquired who was maintaining the NHCL web site (former member Darryl Krauch is still providing assistance). She offered to make suggestions.

District 1 Neighborhood Commissioner Karen Duncan reported on several topics.

She has resubmitted NHCL meeting information to the City's web site.

She offered a report of her activities for the month and a list of upcoming events.

She reported that in addition to being reappointed as the District 1 representative for another term, she will be taking over as the new Chair of the Neighborhood Commission. The membership congratulated her on both accounts.

She attended Hampton's Capitol Improvement Plan meeting. She reported that the city has \$298 million more in prospective projects than they have the funds for and will have to rework their plan.

Karen Duncan, from the Neighborhood Commission is working with Will Moffett a member of the Hampton 400th Anniversary Committee, on this year's event.

Neighborhood Office staff member Mike Canty is in the hospital with leukemia and is receiving prayers and encouragement from many in the community.

Karen is working on a pilot project for District 1 to network all of the organizations in the area. We should hear more about this in the upcoming year.

She also reported on her attendance at the most recent Board of Zoning appeals meeting and talked a little about the process and the two specific cases from our area. One appeal was approved after much discussion at the meeting. The other had an error in the notice and will need to be re-advertised before it can be considered.

In addition she noted (from the Planning Commission meeting) that two new small subdivisions have been approved, one on Big Bethel (5 lots) and one on Downer Road (10 lots).

President Walker thanked everyone for their attendance and encouraged them to solicit new prospective members for the Holiday Social.

The meeting was adjourned at about 8:40 pm.

There was 3 renewals (Flo Randall and Karen and Alonzo Duncan) and no new members.

Attendees were:

Selvin Walker
Alonzo Duncan
Samara Walker
Jim Harris (guest)

Carolyn Phaup
Karen Duncan
Anita Harrell

Cheryl McElraft
Matt Asay
Flora Randall

Action Items:

- Flora Randall to prepare plaque for Wendell Midkiff
- Anita Harrell to review the web site and offer suggestions.

Matt Asay
NHCL Secretary

As corrected and approved at the January 5th, 2010 meeting.