

## **Estabrook/Coleman Place Civic League General Meeting – Jan. 17, 2023**

President Carolyn Foca opened the meeting at 6:30 PM. She led us in the Pledge of Allegiance and Fred Gallup said the prayer. There were 19 in attendance.

Officer Torian, from the 2<sup>nd</sup> Patrol Division Green Sector, gave the crime stats from Dec. 1, 2022 - Jan. 17, 2023. He mentioned the biggest problem during this period was stolen autos. Questions & Concerns were taken. He encouraged us to watch out for our neighbors that are away and to keep your eyes open of what goes on with anything that looks suspicious.

Speakers this evening were Michele Washington, NPS Director of Communications & Community Engagement, told us the City of Norfolk School Board is in the process of looking to shape the future of historic Booker T. Washington High School. She introduced Delceno Miles from the Miles Agency and Michael Ross, Architect, who will be conducting a Feasibility Study to review current instruction programs and the spaces that house them. A questionnaire was handed out for us to fill out concerning BTWHS and handed back when it was completed. Questions & concerns were taken from members.

Mr. Ray Malone, Senior Codes Specialist, reported a lot of cars have been towed from the Coleman Place area recently. He noted that Zoning and Planning have hired more people. He also reported that there was a house on Montana Ave. with squatters living in it, it's boarded up, and are in the process of finding the owners. There are a few "hot spots" in our neighborhood that is being worked on. Mr. Malone answered a lot of questions the people asked concerning our neighborhoods.

Mr. Jonathan Coffee, owner of the DJ Center, located on Ingleside Rd. informed us he is changing the lease to a banquet hall from a DJ School allowing people for social gatherings. He would like the civic league to support him so he can. He already has a live music entertainment license. His Conditional Use Permit would have to be changed in order for drinks to be served. His hours of operation will be from 10:00 a.m. to 12:30 A.M.

Delk Koolman, our Neighborhood Development Specialist informed us of some upcoming events with Neighbors Building Neighborhoods. The next Five Points Task Force Meeting will be Thursday, March 16<sup>th</sup> at the Norview Community Center at 6:30 PM. There will be an update on the park.

Treasurer Theresa Russell gave the financial report of income and expenses for December 2022.

The president introduced one of our neighbors, Mrs. Lizette White, who lives in Coleman Place. She is with Human Resources at TCC and a Notary and Fingerprinting-24 hr. Mobile & Electronic service.

The president announced that our next meeting on Tuesday, Feb.21, we will be having a Spaghetti Dinner. Fred Gallup will be making the spaghetti with plain sauce and meat sauce, Lisa Martin will be providing the salad, (President) Carolyn will be making the garlic bread, and Diane Lionetti and Janis Carney will provide the desserts.

50/50 Drawing – Fred Gallup won the drawing and he took his share of the money.

Meeting adjourned at 8:05 PM.

Janis Carney, Secretary