

Estabrook/Coleman Place Civic League General Meeting – June 21, 2022

President Carolyn Foca opened the meeting at 7:05 P.M. and Fred Gallup led us in the Pledge of Allegiance and Avis McCann led us in prayer. There were 17 in attendance. The president asked the guests to introduce themselves.

Fred Gallup made a motion to accept the May minutes that were available to read. The motion was seconded.

Councilwoman Mamie Johnson was tonight's speaker. She reported that she has qualified for reelection in November. She mentioned this will be her last election she will run in. She plans to work with the executive board of the civic league in July to help move our civic league forward to become familiar with using ways to have our meetings available to our neighbors when closed down like it was during the COVID-19 pandemic. The MultiModal Team was mentioned that concerns transit for all the city. She voted it down because bus stops would be taken away and wait time for the buses would be longer. A study is being planned for Robin Hood Rd. to Azalea Garden Rd. and Chesapeake Blvd. to Five Points to address the traffic issue. She has also requested the reevaluation of intersections at the schools in our area. The city would need to partner w/NPS regarding any changes they'd want to do near the schools in Ward 3. Our neighborhood would be a part of a pilot program to slow down the traffic. The replacement of sewer lines in the neighborhood is coming up and we will be notified by the city. Ms. Johnson would like to see our four communities: Estabrook/Coleman Place, Fairmount Park, Broad Creek, and Ballentine to form a business association with the businesses located near the Dominion Power circle in that area. The civic leagues vision over summer is to get our building for the future. We are the only civic league that owns its own building. She mentioned having Halima Akar from Healthy Neighborhoods to speak at our September meeting.

Our 2nd Patrol Green Sector CRO's Officers Dowell and Torian reported 10 larcenies from vehicles and five stolen vehicles. There will only be one CRO to serve our area when we meet back in September due to the lack of not having enough officers at NPD. More officers are needed on patrol. We may not have any CRO to service our area. Contact city officials and let them know how you feel about not having CRO's reporting at our meetings and patrolling our communities. A Q & A period followed.

Councilwoman Johnson reported problems at the old Super Kmart site and a Royal Farms convenience store/gas station/car wash will replace the Golden Corral at Norview Ave. and Military Hwy.

Fred Gallup reported that good friend & civic league member Fred Mahone passed away.

Neighborhood Development Specialist Delk Koolman attended a recent Norview Task Force meeting and the Five Points Park will start coming together. You can join his email list for weekly emails he sends out over the summer.

Treasurer Theresa Russell gave the financial report of income and expenses. There are 22 paid civic league members.

Food Bags for Thanksgiving will start up in September. We had enough to provide 15 bags of food for each school last year.

50/50 Drawing was won by Sandra Townsend, she gave her share back to the civic league.

Meeting adjourned at 8:45 p.m.

Janis Carney, Secretary