

## Estabrook/Coleman Place Civic League Minutes – June 18, 2019

President Susan Tweed opened the meeting at 7:00 p.m. The president recognized a board member recently being a new grandmother and called on our guests to introduce themselves. The president led us in the Pledge of Allegiance and The Lord's Prayer and asked everyone to remember our Sunshine Lady Claudia who was recently in the hospital. At a recent board meeting we went over the lists of strengths, weaknesses, opportunities and threats to our civic league that the president put on the wall for us to look over after the meeting and if we had anything to add to the lists please do so. Guests were recognized. We were reminded this is the last meeting before our summer break. There were 19 in attendance.

Our CRO, Officer F. Trojhan, mentioned that crime dropped 17% in our neighborhoods this past month. He went over all the crimes that did occur during this period. Q & A period followed.

The president thanked everyone who helped with the recent cleanup of the inside of our building.

Treasurer Theresa Russell gave the reports of income and expenses for May and June, noting a balance of \$6,914.22. The president has been working with a gentleman at the Senior Center to build the Little Free Library project and asked that \$100 be used from the treasury to fund the project. And also asked the need to replace the refrigerator that we use in the building for approval to spend \$500 for a replacement and spend up to \$600 for an apartment size gas stove installed in the kitchen to replace one that was in the building years ago. There was no opposition from the membership.

Ms. Christine Hyatt, the new City of Norfolk Codes, Zoning and Property Maintenance Inspector for our area was at the meeting to provide us with information about the department. She reminded us to call or email our complaints to Norfolk Cares at 664-6510 for any concerns that we have in our neighborhood. A lot of questions were asked during the Q & A period that followed.

Our Neighborhood Development Specialist Delk Koolman gave us an update on the Dollar General's opening. He mentioned it will be opening in 2-3 weeks. He suggested a few of us visit the store and introduce ourselves and welcome them to the community. Our president asked about having a shelter for the bus stop and trash can at the corner. Delk informed us that HRT has ridership counts for each stop in the city. Each stop has to have a certain amount of riders using the stop for it to warrant a bench or a shelter. He would look into it now that there is a store at the corner. He passed out flyers to the members.

The president made a few announcements.

The Raffle Ticket drawing followed. Fred Gallup reported the civic league made \$310 profit from the ticket sales. Fred asked Delk to draw for the winning tickets. The president thanked Fred for taking charge of handling the sale. The winners were: Sandra Gallup – Third Place-\$25.00, Theresa Russell – Second Place-\$50.00, Fred Gallup - First Place-\$100.00

Delk Koolman wanted us to know that July 1<sup>st</sup> starts a new year for applying for Block by Block Grants from the city for \$2,500 and \$500 grants. The period to apply for grants runs through to June 30<sup>th</sup> of the next year.

The meeting adjourned at 7:55 p.m. followed with the Hot Dog Social.

Janis Carney, Secretary