

Estabrook/Coleman Place Civic League General Meeting – May17, 2022

President Carolyn Foca opened the meeting at 7:10 PM and she led us in the Pledge of Allegiance and Fred Gallup said a prayer.

The president introduced our guest speaker tonight, Mr. John Stevenson who is the Acting Director at the Department of Transit. Mr. Stevenson passed out a handout he prepared for tonight's meeting. It consisted of what is the Transit Department mission? What percentile of speed driven on Chesapeake Blvd. at the posted speed limit of 30 MPH, the truck traffic volumes on the boulevard each day, speed data on Robin Hood Road that showed how much traffic in a 24 hour day. Fatalities are going up. Speed studies from Norfolk neighborhoods is off the charts. Driver behavior since the beginning of the pandemic is too high. And he also informed us that HRSD is in the design stage of replacing the 12" Force Main Replacement Project from Chesapeake Blvd. to the Pump Station. He finished up with a brief Q&A session.

Senior Codes Specialist, Timothy Malone, introduced himself to us tonight. He will be our new Codes Enforcement Officer. He gave us two ways that we can get in touch with him: 757-823-4355 (Cellphone) or his email address, timothy.malone@norfolk.gov. He mentioned that the department will be fully staffed in a couple of weeks. He suggested we use the MyNorfolk app to report any complaints. A Q&A session followed.

Our CRO's Officer Dowell and Officer Torian were present tonight. Officer Dowell mentioned there being a total of 18 offenses this month with 11 of them were auto related and all of them were left unlocked. They stressed to lock your car doors when you leave your auto. There will be three large events coming up in downtown Norfolk in the next few weeks and during summer. Most of the officers will be located at these events. The rest of the city to be covered will be strained during these events because of the police officer shortage. They answered lots of questions from the membership.

Andres Knezovich, owner of My Commissary Kitchen that is located where Jesse's Place restaurant was located, spoke about how his business is progressing. They acquired the property next door to them to be able to expand his workspace. He is also in the process of acquiring a second location on Alabama Ave. He answered a variety of question from the members.

Treasurer Theresa Russell gave the financial report of income and expenses that included January through May of 2022. She reported there are sixteen paid members for 2022 so far.

Councilwoman Mamie Johnson will be our guest speaker for our June meeting. She will also be meeting with some of the board members on May 25th at the civic league building to discuss the ways for us to keep our building safe and secure for the years to come.

Announcements were made by a few members.

50/50 Drawing was won by William Rebolt and he gave his winnings back to the civic league.

Meeting adjourned at 9:00 PM.

Respectfully submitted,

Janis Carney, Secretary