

Estabrook/Coleman Place Civic League General Meeting – Oct. 19, 2021

President Carolyn opened the meeting at 7:05 pm with the president leading the Pledge of Allegiance and Councilwoman Mamie Johnson leading us in the Lord's Prayer. The minutes from the September meeting were available on the back table. The president asked all the guests to introduce themselves. There were 29 in attendance at the meeting.

Our CRO Officer Trojhan from the 3rd Precinct went over all the stats that occurred in our neighborhoods for the last month: larcenies from auto, burglaries to individuals, larcenies parts from autos, a larceny and robberies to individuals. He also gave us reminders on how to stay safe.

Tonight was devoted to the candidates that are running in the November 2nd local election. They were given five minutes to tell us about themselves and what their platforms are. The Commissioner of the Revenue: Adam Goldberg and Nicole Sanders and Daun Hester spoke on Blythe Scott's behalf. She is running for Norfolk City Treasurer unopposed. Three of the six candidates running for the Superward 7 City Council seat were present: Jason Inge, Jackie Glass and Danica Royster. The three other candidates: Philip Hawkins, Frederick McRae and Michael Muhammad did not attend. Norfolk will also be electing a new Sheriff – Sheriff Joe Baron was present and he told us about his 36 years of serving our community. Neil Bradley the other candidate for Sheriff did not attend.

Mr. Kai Burk is from a company in Atlanta and he is working with a client to develop an Express Car Wash at the corner of E. Princess Ann Rd. and Ingleside Road where Sun Trust Bank used to be. He gave a presentation of the site plan of the building. It is a self-serve type 3-minute car wash that has 4-6 employees in attendance during working hours from 8AM – 8PM. The land needs to be rezoned from industrial to commercial and will need a conditional use permit for the car wash before opening. Councilwoman Mamie Johnson spoke regarding the type of business for that location. The city doesn't have a vision for the type of business for that land. She encouraged us to take a look at the Broadway Refresh Plan in Norfolk. She thanked Mr. Burk for coming tonight and his presentation. Q & A followed.

Fred Gallup reminded us that the Fill A Bag/Feed a Family Food Drive for Sherwood Forest and Coleman Place Elementary Schools for Thanksgiving is still under way. The price to fill a bag is approximately \$30, less if you get the sales. The last food drive filled 30 bags, they were given to Coleman Place. This year we will be distributing to both schools. Fred said he would be glad to do your shopping for you with your \$30. A list of items needed for the bag can be picked up at the back table. The schools are in need of 8 oz. size water bottles for the students since they are not allowed to drink from the fountain.

Councilwoman Johnson told us the Norview Groundbreaking Ceremony of the \$1.2M park will be held Saturday, Oct. 23, 2021 at 11:00 AM for the new Five Points Civic Park. The Norview Task Force that is made up of seven neighboring communities have been planning this for three years. She spoke of changes to slow down the speeding problem in Norfolk.

Treasurer Theresa Russell gave a partial report. Will give a full report next month.

50/50 drawing was won by Gail Irby and she gave her winnings back to the civic league.

Meeting adjourned at 8:34 PM.

Janis Carney, Secretary