

The LECL meeting of April 7, 2016 “Meet the Candidates “

Meeting was called to order at 7:34 pm. with a welcome from President Liberto

She introduced the executive committee, and reviewed the process for this evening’s program. Each candidate will receive 5 minutes to present, and then the floor will be open for questions from the members.

Update from Police representatives

Norfolk Police Officer Carrier Ford update focusing on the following points:

- 1) kids selling candy This may be a scam if they are older kids; the police are trying to determine their validity, especially profit versus non-profit . For non-profit you don’t need a business license. Teams Against Drugs does not have a permit. If there are questions, please call the non-emergency number (757-441-5610)
- 2) Melrose Parkway report: Two kids (not college kids) selling magazine for Teams Against Drugs . They were arrested because of car larcenies
- 3) Reporting suspicious activity: Officer Ford emphasized:
 - a) the non-emergency number should be called (757-441-5610)
 - b) It is important to keep a record of serial numbers for valuable
 - c) It is important that residents cooperation, press charges, and prosecute individuals
- 4) A restraining order can be issued against a suspect in the event that people are concerned about their safety

ODU Police Officer Tommy Evans Jr.

- 1) **Parking enforcement**: ODU Police is working hand and hand with the parking enforcement. ODU had an Off Campus Housing Fair on April 7, 2016, where a lot of resources were presented to students, which included information on code enforcement)
- 2) **Safety app**: odu/edu/safety for your phone. This provides direct communication to the ODU Police department. They investigate every tip (it is all anonymous)
- 3) **Gun shots on 48th street**: being investigated

School Board Candidates:

Dr. Noell Gabriell

Carter Smith

Questions posed:

- 1) What three public education reforms have you worked for and why?
- 2) Plans for vocational education and training?

- 3) What will the board do about the overwhelming amount of testing that is coming from the district

Superward 6 candidates:

Andrea McCallen

Barclay Winn

Dr. Warren Stewart

Questions:

3 submitted to Rhonda:

- 1) Regarding safety and security- how will homelessness be addressed?
- 2) Real estate tax relief for seniors - previous program provided outright relief, as opposed to providing a lien (which is how it is structured now)
- 3) Norfolk has received grant \$\$ to study traffic lights – esp. light hopping, and thorough fares through neighborhoods – do you support revamping the timing of streetlights

Questions from audience:

- 1) How will school budgets be increased (because in Norfolk, schools get their \$\$ from City Council)

Mayoral Candidates:

Andy Protogyrou

Bobby McCabe

Kenny Alexander

Questions from the floor:

- 1) Pushing forward to a more regional government – thoughts from the candidates
- 2) What is your vision for expanding Light rail – to airport/base/ODU
- 3) Virginia Urban (or was it Golden Crescent) Crescent coalition to increase state funding – for public education (golden crescent is between Norfolk and Northern Virginia - which includes Richmond)
- 4) What do Kenny Alexander and Robert McCabe bring to city council because they don't have any previous city council experience

Meeting adjourned at 9:30 pm.