

December 8, 2016 – LECL meeting

President Rhonda Liberto called the meeting to order at 7:36

- I) President Liberto recognized Mr. Dave O'Dell for his extended service to the LECL – with a presentation of several neighborhood gift cards, and a framed picture (map) of Larchmont. Dave was president for 14 years. He provided kind comments, and reminded us of how important it is to get involved, or else others will be making decisions for us.
- II) President Liberto advised the attendees that she will be moving next summer; the Board is still determining transition.
- III) President Liberto provided a Treasurer's report as follows: Balance is \$ 8, 700 – this includes the Larchmont, Blair, and Maury, and ST. Patrick's donations of \$250.00 each. She has requested that participants to the school deliver the checks.
LECL is looking for a volunteer to take over as treasurer – please volunteer!!
- IV) Officer White – Norfolk City Police advised the attendees that there were 9 incidents in October, 8 in November, one so far in December. He would be happy to provide details if necessary. Whoever is interested should follow up with him.
There were several vehicular thefts that occurred where keys were left in the cars, as well as misc. burglaries/larcenies.
He was emphatic in reminding the members to: Lock your cars, and lock your homes
Officer White underscored how important it is for people to press charges when suspects are apprehended.
If something is suspicious, or odd: definitely call them !!!!!
Best way to get in touch with the police: Non-emergency number 757-441-5610
The Civic League has several security cameras that are rotated around the neighborhood.
Contact Chuck Davis (chuck-davis@cox.net) if you would like to get on the list to host the video.
- V) Officer Evans, from the ODU Police Department addressed the members, and passed out Holiday Safety Tips brochure.
He reminded us of the LIVESafe APP. This will allow pictures and information to be sent directly to the ODU Police. The number for the ODU Police Department is 757-683-4000. He reminded us that his jurisdiction is between 38th Street and Magnolia; with Colley and Powhatan the East/West boundaries. They work together with Norfolk City Police.
Six reportable events occurred in November so far and none in December.
- VI) Christine Morris – City's Chief Resilience Officer (Christine.Morris@Norfolk.gov) , who was joined by Emily Steinhilber from Old Dominion University to update the LECL on the work of the Rockefeller Foundation Grant. Norfolk has received one, which is one of 100 cities in the U.S to have received this grant. The grant pays Christine's salary and provides other resources. The work of the grant is building the city's "resilience" (she has been working there for the past 2 years) .

Resilience is defined as: the capacity of individuals, communities, and systems to survive, adapt and grow in the face of stress and shocks and even transform when conditions require it.

The three key resilience's that Norfolk is deficient in:

- a) Coastal resilience (sea level rise, and flood risk),
- b) Economic resilience (we are over relying on two industries, way too dependent on the Federal Government/Navy)
- c) Neighborhood resilience (concentrated poverty, disconnected communities).

The Strategy that is being formed:

Goal 1: design the coastal community of the future

Goal 2: create economic opportunity by advancing efforts to grow existing industry sectors

Goal 3: advance initiatives to connect communities, de-concentrate poverty

\$5 million of the grant will be used to determine how to spur innovation in the coastal community;

City hosted a delegation from Denmark to help share their experiences with water management.

They would like to do a "Retain Your Rain" program. They have an app that can tell you how much rain is coming off your property, how much your property can retain, based on how much it is raining. ***We can contact her, or the City Storm Water management department if someone is interested in hosting a workshop on this.***

There will be a proposed storm water fee decrease by HRSD if a home is willing to assist with the managing rain water on their property. The program is not yet operational (was adopted by the city two weeks ago). Members can go to the storm water/HRUBS website to get further information, and monitor the roll out.

Larchmont is listed on the "maintenance" / adaptable area – no firm suggestions yet on how to adapt. There are thoughts being shared – and considered to sup

Emily Steinhilber, who with the ODU partner with the city on this, can be reached at esteinhilber@odu.edu and more information can be found at <http://www.resilience.org/tag/flooding/>

- VII) ODU representative, introduced the new Provost and Vice President for Academic Affairs, Dr. Augustine "Austin" O. Agho (https://www.odu.edu/news/2015/12/provost_agho#.WHJ-9U0zWM8).
- VIII) Larchmont United Methodist Church will be requesting the city to install and mark new handicapped parking spaces on Monroe Place at the side entrance to the church, which will be used only on Sundays similar to the current parking arrangement on Jamestown Crescent in front of the church. GM Ziller wanted to see if there were any concerns – none were raised.
- IX) Gail Nicula reminded everyone that she will continue to post open meetings, and public interest on Nextdoor neighborhood social network.

Footnote: There were approximately 53 members present