

## LECL minutes for September 15, 2016

### I. **Welcome:**

President Liberto opened the meeting with a welcome

### II. **Treasurer's report:**

Our current balance is at \$9, 450. 00

Our annual practice is to provide a donation to each of the schools in our neighborhood.

A motion was made to give \$250.00 to each Maury Highschool, Blair Middle School, Larchmont Elementary, and St. Patrick's school – motion was made, 2<sup>nd</sup> and carried.

### III. **Guest Speakers:**

#### A. Mr. Dave Harnage, Chief Operating Officer of Old Dominion University

**ODU Village:** Mr. Harnage underscored the success of ODU Village which is a very successful project. The project contributes \$4.5 million in tax revenue to Norfolk, and ODU is the third largest tax payer in Norfolk.

**49<sup>th</sup> street** construction is part of the new dining facility that is being constructed. It is the first free standing dining facility on the campus. It will be state of the art, with multiple food venues. It will be a combination of restaurant settings in one building (section for Asian, section for American Bistro, Italian, Mexican and a big salad ) can seat 150 indoors, 250 indoor/outdoors. The building is named the Broderick Dining Hall – open in mid October

**Powhatan Ave:** The LOR Hill bldg. being expanded to increase athletic training (football, lacrosse, field hockey)

**43<sup>rd</sup> street** The completion of the new education Building. The University worked hard to have a powerful, elegant statement to show the boarder of the university. It is in the final stages of building – faculty will move in this semester, classes to start next semester after the holidays

**Vacant lot – south of the Ted** it will be an art museum, that ODU will build and run (the Barry's made the contribution) – it will be a huge addition to the \$100 million in construction currently going on. It is being funded by the largest gift to ODU

**Future projects:** Looking to start another \$200 million in the next few years which will be highlighted by a new science building, (75k), and then a new Health Sciences Bldg. Major investments being made in new academic programs.

**Business Innovation Center:** opened in Down own Norfolk recently with a grant of \$1 million, to work with local businesses who have had their major business with the government (and military). Their goal it to help folks expand their business plans to transfer their intellectual property to different markets.

**Master plan** on stadium: originally the vision was to move the stadium to Powhatan Ave because there was a question to how big the stadium should be. Stadium will stay where it is. First phase will replace the existing clamshells on the east and west sides of the stadium. The focus on quality building.

**Parking problem:** ODU Recognizes that there are parking problems, and is working with the city .

#### B. **Norfolk Police report** from Lieutenant Terry Gibbs, and Officer Josh White. They encouraged residents to continue to be active on Nextdoor Larchmont/Edgewater. Posts have helped a lot with the recent “parcel stealing” case, and have provided some good leads. They underscored the following tips:

- 1) Lock your car

- 2) Don't leave any valuables in the car
- 3) Prosecute those arrested – even if you have received your goods back – adults will get jail time; juveniles will acquire “points”

Lt. Gibbs indicated that there are usually 6 – 8 officers on duty in his Blue Sector which includes ODU, Lamberts Point and Colonial Place. Sometimes responses to calls require more than one officer which could impact response time. Generally responses to calls are dictated by severity. Several members offered compliments on their response time.

They reiterated the emergency 911 number, and the non-emergency number 441-5610.

- C. **ODU Sgt. Damos Medel** underscored that the ODU Police work very closely with city of Norfolk – and they are happy to respond to calls from residents living in their Jurisdiction Area, which extends north to Magnolia Ave, even if you have called the city. He advised of the app they have called LiveSafe – which works like a text message. He underscored that the more details that can be provided, the better (facial features, memorable features, car type/color/license plate). The app also provides a “watch me feature” that can be used when someone is running/or out walking – so they can keep tabs on you.
- D. **Larchmont Race Race update:** Nicole Norris, vp of Larchmont PTA, and race director of the Larchmont Rat Race gave an overview of the race( the 1 mile starts at 5:30, the 5K starting at 6:30) which will be held September 30<sup>th</sup>. It is the 35<sup>th</sup> anniversary of the race and it is the main fund raiser for the Larchmont Elementary school. All activities will be held at Brick Field. They provided us a flyer that we will put on our facebook page. She underscored that police will be present on main intersections. They would love to have everyone participate and run.
- E. Ms. Gail Nicula, associate professor at ODU spoke on the Sea Rising
- F. GM Ziller provided an update on the church construction – apologized for all of the dust. Issued an invitation to the church picnic on this Sunday.
- G. GM Ziller also provided an update on the Pumpkin Patch (which is in its 14<sup>th</sup> year), which will be held starting the middle of October. This is an annual fundraiser for their missions (they raise over 7K a year)

In closing, President Liberto announced that Nate Kinnerson will be taking over the website/newsletter; LECL is looking for a treasurer.

Next meeting to be held: December 8<sup>th</sup>.