

Larchmont-Edgewater Civic League Meeting, February 15, 2018

- I. Call to order. President Nate Kinnison called the meeting to order at 7:00 p.m.
- II. Minutes of the December 2017 meeting were approved.
- III. Reports of standing committees
 - a. Neighborhood watch
 - i. Officer Evans (ODU) – reviewed ODU-related crimes since the last meeting
 - ii. Officer White (Norfolk Police) – If you are walking through the neighborhood and see something odd or unusual, please call it in. Better to be proactive. Lock your cars; lock the windows in your house.
 - 1. Question: Legality of cars on streets with outdated registration stickers/that appear abandoned– Officer White suggested that we call Norfolk Cares. 664-6510.
 - 2. Discussion about a young man who was ringing doorbells. Hard to bring charges against him because he is a nuisance; he really hasn't done anything that he can be charged with.
 - 3. Officer White reminded attendees that he monitors NextDoor.
 - iii. Mr. Davis – Chuck posted information on how to get additional streetlights on your block. Petition form is on the web site. Need 51% of people on your block to sign petition. City will come out and check the block to determine lighting needs. All of the information is on the website (LarchmontEdgewater.org). Can call Norfolk Cares if you need trees trimmed that block streetlights. If the street light is burned out, call Norfolk Cares. Every street is supposed to have a light on each end of the street. Many of our streets are very dark – Officer White confirmed that the darkness contributes to crime.
 - b. Treasurer. Cornelia Steinert. \$10461.09 balance. Check to LUMC for \$1000. For 2018, proposed budget (get from her email to me) \$200.00/yr for website. \$150.00/meeting for food and drinks. Proposed expenditures \$2350.00. If you are not current on paying your dues, pay Cornelia tonight or can pay dues online. Dues are \$10.00 per household.
 - c. Marketing and Web. We use Mail Chimp - need a volunteer to help with content for our newsletter. Need an editor for our FB page. Nate will be the administrator.
 - d. CeeCee Tucker, ODU liaison to LECL sends her regards. Morgan Mason, ODU Student Life, introduced herself to everyone.

- e. Division of Neighborhood Engagement. Our city staffer is Sheray Patillo (unable to attend the meeting however). One of the DNE's current campaign is to pick up dog waste.
- IV. Unfinished business and general orders
- a. Donation to LUMC. Check for \$1000 delivered and thanks received.
 - b. Letter from Mayor Alexander. Thanks for recognition of the Norfolk Navy centennial. We also took on the Mission 22 at the Larchmont Library.
 - c. Recognition of Ward 2 elected officials and candidates. NA.
 - d. Stop signs at Bolling Avenue and Carillo/Argall Avenues – Billy Chard. PPT: if you hit a pedestrian, at 30 mph, 45% will die. At 40 mph, 85% will die. He has two small children, and is concerned about drivers passing on Bolling, speeding on Bolling. Bolling is ½ mile stretch, with no impediments to speeding. When he and his neighbors began studying this, they decided to 'trisect' Bolling and request additional stop signs at Carillo and Argall. Another issue is the number of cars parked on Bolling, and these parked cars impede the view. Having stop signs would add to the safety of everyone. Bolling is a residential street. Steve Rosenthal and Janis and Ed Weisberg spoke in favor of additional stop signs.
 - i. Speed bumps: John Stevenson, City of Norfolk does not generally recommend these, because they impede emergency vehicles. There may be other options. Nate will check with Mr. Stevenson. Stop signs would be the easiest and quickest solution. The civic league should make the recommendation to the city, then it goes on the Council docket. If speed limit on street is 25MPH, you should be able to see a car coming 115' away. If we lose one child, our neighborhood will never recover. Question called, and seconded. Mr. Chard moved that the Civic League approach the city about adding two stop signs on Bolling Avenue. Motion: The LECL supports adding two new stop signs, one at Bolling and Argall and one at Bolling and Carillo. Motion seconded and approved.
- V. New business
- a. Stop signs along Powhatan. Not addressed.
 - b. 4-way stop at Buckingham and Monroe Place. Not addressed.
 - c. Trash cans in the middle of Triangle Park.– if they aren't appropriately located, pull out the post and change it to a better location. If anyone would like to paint the trash can, please do so. Emily Mitchell volunteered to have a Scout troop paint the can.
- VI. Presentation
- a. Elation Brewing (Highland Park) - Kenny VanHook. Transform Tabernacle of Prayer to a brewery. The building has characteristics that would lend it for transformation to a brewery. He is an architect; his wife is a yoga instructor. 12,000 sq. feet. Parking is a concern. 41

parking spaces. Landlord owns another nearby building so there are 70 additional parking spaces available. The noise will be inside. 186 seats inside. Building was a grocery store. There was a false ceiling, but they will remove it – will be sort of rustic. They want it to be a community center; there will also wine on tap. Friday hours: noon - mid; Saturday hours noon-mid. Sun: noon – 9. The planning commission passed it with no opposition. City Council approval is the next step. Getting the brewing equipment takes awhile. Probably nothing until September. For kids: indoor seating for family groups, table games, board games. Question: What do they need for final approval? City Council must approve. If you are in favor, come to City Council meeting, Feb. 27. Highland Park has already given approval of the concept. They applied for two special exceptions, and one rezoning. One piece of the property needs to be rezoned. Businesses are supportive, including Westside Market, University Pizza, Chow. Being a good neighbor is important to them. City wants it to be pedestrian friendly – more landscaping (16 trees to be planted). Should brighten up the whole section of the street. Planning on a mix of beers, including Belgian, low-alcohol content, etc. Also will have bike racks.

VII. Announcements

- a. Neighborhood Pride Grant Program: Retain your rain!
- b. Ward 2 Candidate Forum April 26th, 7:00 p.m. Tanya Bhasin is a Ward 2 candidate, and attended the meeting. April 26 is going to be the forum – perhaps at Larchmont School, but TBD.
- c. Future meetings: June 15, August 16, October 18, December 12. We have moved to six meetings/year.
- d. March 19, 6:30 p.m. at Larchmont School. Meet the School Board candidates.
- e. Larchmont Carnival is April 21st.
- f. Larchmont bricks - \$20.00 – there are still some available. Contact Nate or order through the Larchmont School website.
- g. Mission 22 monuments will be coming down. Possible that a public art display will go up in place of the concrete bases near the library.
- h. Trash near ODU/Lambert's Point is horrific. We will follow up with the Lambert's Point civic league president.
- i. Concern raised about trash on streets in the Lambert's Point neighborhood. We will try to coordinate with that Civic League.

VIII. Adjourn. Meeting adjourned at 8:03 p.m.

Respectfully submitted,
Gail Nicula, Secretary