Ghent Neighborhood League Minutes
October 17, 2019

Next Meeting: November 21, 2019, 6:30 PM, The Hague School

I. Call to order and introductions

President Emily Birknes called the meeting to order at 6:29 pm. After welcoming the membership, those in attendance introduced themselves.

Board members present: Karen Reynes, Catherine Kilduff, Larry Brett, George Kello, Paige Rose, Jean Webster, Nat McCormick, Bob Kelly, and Sarah Petroske

Absent: Jeremy McGee, Past President Mike Spencer

The Board approved the minutes of the September meeting as amended in the pre-meeting.

II. Safety Report – Community Resources Officer (CRO) Samantha Perez

a. Safety report given. Her contact info is 757-409-0028, Samantha.Perez@norfolk.gov

b. Holiday Advice:

i. Warning that package theft will increase with the holiday season. Sending packages to a business is helpful to prevent the problem. Century 21 is always willing to accept packages.

ii. In colder weather, do not warm up your car, or at least lock the car while it is on so that it is not taken.

c. Upcoming events:

i. Nov. 2 is Norfolk State parade.

ii. Nov. 16 is the Lakewood 5 K

iii. Nov. 23 is the Grand Illumination downtown.

iv. Nov. 24 is the half-marathon.

d. Lieutenant K.T. Crumpler introduced himself and passed out business cards.
III. Guest Speakers

- Tiba Salim, Project Manager for Water and Sewer Replacement,
  Tiba.Salim@norfolk.gov, 757-664-6864

  o Replacement of sewers, ADA compliant ramps on corners where the roads are replaced.
  
  o Project will take a year ending in Spring 2021.
  
  o Notification will be given to residents a month before the work starts on the block. They will let bus routes know too.
  
  o Q: Could this work be leveraged to do resiliency work? A: That is a different department – in Public Works – that does know about the project.
  
  o More details are in the City of Norfolk CIP, which can be found via Google.

IV. President’s Report:

  a. Street sweeping – Signs to raise awareness about street sweeping will be available at next month’s meeting. Audience concerns included:

     i. 600 to 800 Stockley Gardens, between Redgate and Olney, does not get street sweeping. It was brought up a couple of years ago without resolution.

     ii. There is no (or not enough) street sweeping of the bike lanes.

V. Reports of Officers and Standing Committees

  a. Project Review – Nat McCormick gave an update on projects since summer.


  c. Community Improvement – report from Paige Rose. City has sent out the bioswale project for bid.


VI. New Business

  a. The Aaron May and Kristen Mazur Residence - New building at 726 Yarmouth St. proposed to go through project review.

The meeting was adjourned at 7:25 pm