Ghent Neighborhood League Minutes
June 20, 2019

Next Meeting: July 18, 2019, 6:30 PM, The Hague School, 739 Yarmouth Street

I. Call to order and introductions

President Emily Birknes called the meeting to order at 6:32 p.m. Jean Webster recorded minutes for the Secretary who was out of town. After the President welcomed the membership, those in attendance introduced themselves.

Board members present: Larry Brett, Paige Rose, Nat McCormick, Sarah Petroske

Board members absent: George Kello, Karen Reynes, Catherine Kilduff, Mike Spencer.

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

Officer Perez introduced Captain Jonathan Coghlan who is the new Commanding Officer of the 3rd Patrol Division.

Officer Perez reviewed the crime statistics for the past month. There has been an uptick in car larcenies, 11 for May, the average is 5 per month.

There is an effort to enforce speed limits on West Princess Anne.

Officer Perez’s cell phone: 757-409-0028, Samantha.Perez@norfolk.gov

III. Guest Speakers

Erik Neil, Director of the Chrysler Museum of Art, and Leanna Quade, Sculptor.

- The Chrysler Museum is proposing a public art sculpture along Brambleton Avenue at the corner of Yarmouth Street. The sculpture would be located in the city owned open green space and would serve to direct attention to the corner and would have signage leading to the Chrysler Museum. The sculpture would be located in a landscaped bed. Leanna Quade is a glass artist and makes flexible glass objects that are similar to a children’s toy Slinky. The sculpture would be a large scale replication of a triangular slinky form in painted steel.

Justin Shafer, Department of Public Works, City of Norfolk – Stormwater Project Update

- Justin gave an overview of a project located between Bambleton Ave and the south edge of the Hague. Trees and vegetation are in poor condition due to repeated flooding and the shoreline platform has eroded at the back face. The proposed project is a Constructed Stormwater Wetland which will collect stormwater in deeper pools. Native plants and
select trees that thrive in saltwater will be installed to filter the water and beautify the space.

- **Project Timeline:**
  - Summer 2019 – Request Bids
  - Fall/Winter 2019 – Construction Starts
  - Summer 2020 – Major Construction Complete
  - Fall 2020 – Tree Planting
  - 2021 – Site Monitoring

**IV. Presidents’s report – Emily Birknes**

Open Business –

2 board seats are open. They will be filled by:

Bob Kelly – May 2020 – Beautification

Jeremy McGee – May 2021 – Social Media

Larry Remaklus would like to participate and will stand for election in May 2020.

**V. Reports of Officers and Standing Committees**

**Project Review - Nat McCormick**

Several projects were reviewed and approved – a fencing project on Fairfax Ave and a restoration in the 700 block of Colonial. An apartment project at Redgate Ave and Hampton Blvd was returned for redesign. The CHKD tower was presented and approved.

**Community Improvement – Paige Rose**

New Members are welcome. A request was submitted for a 4 way stop sign at Stockley and Bossevien. Report any streetlight outages to Norfolk Cares.

There will be a 4th of July Parade Bike Parade starting at the Chrysler Museum – Kids, Adults and Dogs are welcome.

Sept 21 the Ghent Business Association will be supporting a 5K and 10K races in Ghent.

There is interest from some for the Ghent Neighborhood Watch to become more active. Each street needs a block captain.
The meeting concluded at 7:40 p.m.