

## **Downtown Norfolk Civic League**

### **March 21, 2011**

#### Mission Statement:

To be a collective voice of the residents, dedicated to the quality of life issues unique to Downtown Norfolk.

#### I. Welcome

#### II. Introductions

#### III. Financial Report

- Kevin Murphy reported a balance of \$1,476.50 – expenses for DNC membership and PO Box renewal = \$1,366.53

#### IV. P.A.C.E. Report – Officer Charlie Ball and Lt. Squires

- 5 larcenies to autos ... 3 unlocked cars and 2 license plates stolen.
- 1 robbery report - individual met another person in a Granby St. club and was robbed in the parking lot ... however, this did not match surveillance camera output.

#### V. Economic Development – Chuck Rigney

- Rob Woodard has responsibility for Waterside ... and he has received several other suggestions for re-use.
- A retail prospect is working with the DNC to close a contract.
- The Ford plant deal has been closed with Jacoby Development.
- Nothing new on a replacement for the Marketplace location ... Chris Sanders is working this issue, but there is a dilemma with the 17 year lease held by Super Value.
- A new coffee house named Cure is open on Botetourt and has received good reviews.
- A new convenience market at Botetourt and Bute will open soon.
- Dominion Power has finished work on Boush St.
- US Development is hopeful that their application for a Federal program will be resolved in the next five months.
- The Westin site (at Granby and Main) will have a temporary landscape design by local architects.
- Bike racks will be on the ground by the end of April ... a fork icon will be placed in Flat Iron Park.

#### VI. Guest Speakers – Karen Scherberger and Dom McFeeny, Fest Events

- The 2011 calendar of events has been published.

- Town Point Park belongs to the City ... events are possible through the generosity of the private sector sponsors.
- Many ideas for park events come from people who have seen an event at another city.
- Corporate and individual memberships are available.
- Omar's in the park is open from 11-2 for lunch. If a group would like to host an event, Omar's will be happy to cater the event.
- Friday and Saturday entertainment is the TGIF concert and Dancing on Saturdays.
- Please check the Fest Events website for new events and updates.
- There are a large number of events that are free and open to the public.

#### VII. Old Business

- Garbage collection hours are being violated. City inspectors need to be aware of the pick-ups before 7am ... the police can also be contacted to document violations.

#### VIII. New Business

- Erin Shannon is the new special events manager.
- The city is reviewing its street closure policy.
- A street performer ordinance will be developed from existing code for all city locations.
- Events Committee – 6 members showed up at the recent meeting. The next meeting will be April 05. A quarterly social was suggested to encourage member interaction. The committee is attempting to get pols and city functionaries to attend these socials.
- The Membership Committee meeting is scheduled for 03/29 at Snappers at 5:30pm.

#### IX. Open Discussion

- None

#### X. Adjourn