

Downtown Norfolk Civic League

October 18, 2010

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

IV. P.A.C.E. Report – Officer Richard James

- Welcome Officer Daniel to Green Sector.
- Lieutenant Barren leaving for special crimes unit, welcome Lieutenant Sean Squires who will be taking his place in the Green Sector.
- One acquainted rape reported in September, arrest made.
- One stolen auto, 200 block of Monticello, vehicle recovered.
- 13 larcenies from autos reported. GPS, license plates purses, lap top.
- One theft in the Main Street Garage, no thefts in any other city garages.
- Green Sector officers have met with McArthur store owners to discuss improvement in loss prevention through customer service. To meet with mall security next.

V. Downtown Development/Construction Report

- Boush Street, one lane remains closed to the first of the year.
- Main Street paving after the first of the year.
- Discussion on Dominion Power's 9-5 schedule in upgrades at union mission and College Place. Why are they not working longer hours. Rob McCloud to check into.

VI. Guest Speaker – Delegate, Matthew James

- Sessions 2010 Highlights, pamphlet passed out. Highlights the bills that have passed and failed.
- Current legislative budget has been passed, will be amended to add or delete.
- ABC privatization discussed. As written now Delegate James not in favor.
- Delegate James unable to comment on the three constitutional amendments citizens in Norfolk have on the ballot other than that they are difficulty worded and to read carefully before posting ballot.
- Delegate James discussed Governor McDonnell ran on three political issues, ABC privatization, off shore drilling, and tolls. ABC to be on ballot, off shore drilling on hold since LA spill and tolls not approved by legislature as of this date.
- Pamphlet – Governor's Commission on Economic Development & Job Creation passed out.

- Second Guest Speaker – Geoff Segal, with Maquaire Capital who is one half of the development team for the Elizabeth River Crossings Project.
- Project is current in phase II.
- Final financial close expected July, 2010.
- Projected project finished and ready for use 2015.
- Toll on tunnels now sits at \$2.17. Goal is to lower to \$1.50. Toll will be one way.
- There will be no toll booths; E-Z Pass is the specified toll collection means.
- Encouraged to purchase the E-Z Pass to avoid tickets by mail.
- MLK Extension to alleviate tunnel traffic blocking Portsmouth downtown streets.
- Totally privately funded project, no Federal or State funding.
- No light rail though tunnel as Portsmouth currently has not light rail options in the works.
- Websites to obtain information and project projects – www.midtowntunnel.org and www.erc-info.com.

VII. Old Business

- Flat Iron Park Plan Review – 6 p.m., October 20, 2010.

VIII. New Business

- DNCL has not taken a current position on Waterside and whether to tear it down or maintain building as is in a new capacity.
- Advisory Panel in the works for the city to make a decision on Waterside.

IX. Upcoming Speakers/Topics

- No interest in members present at meeting for guest speaker Sharon McDonald to address the DNCL. Only one hand rose. Kevin Murphy to be informed of the lack of interest.
- No suggestions for future speakers.

X. Open Discussion

- The continued need for people in downtown and surrounding areas to embrace light rail and mass transit to alleviate congestion in the city and highways.

XI. Adjourn

Please join us for the next DNCL meeting on Monday, November 15, 2010.

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