

Regular Board of Director's Meeting of the Southampton Citizens Association was called to order by President Frank Dorman on Tuesday, March 15, 2005 at 7:20 PM.

Board Members Present: Jeff Donahue, Tim Fite, Bud McQuade, Bob Scott, Sue Stewart, Mary Blanchard, John Cardwell, John McGrann, Wendy Inge, Jonathan Young, Frank Dorman, Jean Marie Hay, Mary Francis Kastleberg, Mary St. Louis, and Caitlin Zettl.

Excused: Mary Francis Kastleberg; Absent: Wendy Inge.

Contributors and Guests in Attendance: Jennifer Franklin, Milton Franklin, Tom Klein, Deborah Dowell, Katherine Harold, Cary Adams, Helen Landrey, Tom Harper, Elizabeth Bolin, R.C. Lautzenheiser, Marge Lautzenheiser, Joyce Ellis, Urchie Ellis, Ralph White, Jill Mountcastle.

#### Committee and Officer Reports:

Riverfest: Scheduled for Saturday, June 4, 2005. Information will be included in upcoming newsletter with note to refer to website for updates. Activities planed include a 5K run, climbing wall, and hayrides. Costs anticipated to be covered by sponsorships – sponsors needed. Will follow up the newsletter with a mailer in mid-May. Next committee meeting March 23, 2005.

Legislative Affairs: Urchie has learned that the Commonwealth Transportation Board meeting on 3/16 and 3/17 will include an agenda item for replacement of the Huguenot Bridge in 2011 (\$44 million). Re-painting is reportedly schedule for this summer. Urchie will contact the resident engineer regarding hole patching. Frank Dorman reported that he received a communication from the City Department of Public Utilities about a weatherization kit being made available to seniors, however it was received the same day kits were scheduled to be distributed. At the district town meeting the question was raised regarding a referendum concerning the proposed ballpark in Shockoe Bottom. At this point Kathy Graziano will obtain input from civic associations and Huguenot Team.

Treasurer: Reported a balance of \$7,268.47 plus approximately \$1,100 of dues collections not yet recorded.

#### Zoning:

Putney Development: Amendment to Stony Point CUP filed by Mark Putney requesting a revision from a density of 45 units to 15 units on individual lots on the property between the Stony Point development and Cherokee Road. The request asks for vehicular access to Cherokee Road rather than to Stony Point Parkway as is current approved. Presented to

Huguenot Team at last meeting. Concerns expressed included removal of buffer due to change from cluster development to individual lots (lot owners could/would clear-cut to attempt to gain view), no material restrictions, no minimum or maximum building size, possibility of through traffic from Cherokee to Stony Point Parkway. Concerns also expressed regarding the process, as subsequent to the original CUP other neighbors agreed to and signed deed restrictions regarding their rights of development and access. Immediate neighbors seem to approve lower density. Reported that some neighbors are suggesting reversion to R2 zoning. No objections to what is perceived as a higher-end development, but some expressed a fear of changing stance on a development the association previously supported with the support at that time of the immediate neighbors and other affected interests along Cherokee Road. Also some questions and suspicion expressed regarding motives behind the request. McQuade will attempt to set up meeting with Mark Putney to discuss proposed change with Board in an effort to gather more information.

Chippenham & Tanby Road development broke ground, with 15 homes planed.

Forest Hill and Stratford: Sewer line extensions to properties fronting Forest Hill reportedly underway. Also sewer line extensions underway to property to the east of the new Shops at Stratford Hills development.

Movie Theater: Reportedly there is a deal in the works to construct a movie theatre on the undeveloped parcel bounded by the Southern Railroad, Chippenham Parkway, and the Powwhite Parkway, approximately behind the new Target

Transportation: Committee still needs list of requests for 4-way stop signs – will obtain from Jerry Miller. Developer at City have reviewed traffic patterns at the Shops at Stratford Hills and will be adding signs for directing traffic in conjunction with re-surfacing of Forest Hill. Will review again once that work is completed. Suggestion about changing standard green lights to directional arrows at Cherokee Road/Forest Hill Avenue intersection again raised. Discussed adding 4-way stop signs on Cherokee to calm traffic. Discussed creating a stop sign median at Cherokee and Huguenot. Discussion noted that reflective tape and painted signs might be more effective since the stop sign gets knocked down during left turns from Huguenot onto Cherokee because the sign is so difficult to see.

Huguenot Team: Reported that Tom Kintner of Harper Associates is looking into purchasing what is known as the “Cherokee Extension” adjoining the Shops at Stratford Hills for a pet retailer. Some concern expressed about property behind the shopping center.

Police: Discussions are underway within the police department regarding establishing a 5<sup>th</sup> precinct. Croatan Road neighbors complained about speeding and police set up radar, resulting in catching 8 or 9 speeders over a 1-1/2 hour period. Vehicle break-ins by smashing windows reported on Butte Road. Gates at Pony Pasture and Huguenot Woods being closed by police at dusk (typically early), but not being opened. Neighbors in vicinity report no problems with after-dark activities other than the occasional teenage gathering, which is typically reported and addressed. Motion by Stewart to go on record as requesting that gates to Pony Pasture and Huguenot Woods lots be left unlocked except during crime periods (like June); seconded Fite; passed.

Schools/Education: Preschool Registration scheduled for April 7, 14 and 21. Notice will be published in newsletter.

Other Business:

Bradwill - Forest Hill Trail: Trail has been marked with green ribbons, and volunteers will clear debris and mark with reflectors on Sunday, March 20. One negative encounter with a neighbor objecting to the intrusion of the trail (Ray Crockett) was reported.

Next Meeting: Tuesday, April 19, 2005 at 7:15 PM

Meeting was adjourned at 9:03 PM.