

Note: Prior to the start of the meeting Dan Carrel stopped in to obtain Frank Dorman's signature on the annual corporate registration form. Dan is a past board member who continues to serve as the association's registered agent.

Regular Board of Director's Meeting of the Southampton Citizens Association was called to order by President Frank Dorman on Tuesday, August 16, 2005 at 7:23 PM.

Board Members Present: Sue Stewart, Jeff Donahue, Mary St. Louis, Bob Scott, Mary Frances Kastelberg, Jon Young, John Cardwell, Mary Blanchard, Jean Marie Hay, and John McGrann.

Excused: Tim Fite, Caitlin Zettl.

Absent: Wendy Inge.

Contributors and Guests in Attendance: Joyce Ellis, Jerry Miller.

Approval of Minutes: Approved as written

Committee and Officer Reports:

Zoning: No report.

Legislative Affairs: Huguenot Bridge has been painted, and the potholes patched this past weekend. Will be closed again this coming Sunday for additional maintenance and repairs. Latest federal transportation bill contained a lot of pork but none that is expected to trickle down to our immediate area. Discussed overgrown vegetation obscuring signs and intersections. City is reportedly scheduled to trim along the Cherokee Road R.O.W. Other areas need it as well.

Treasurer: Reported a current bank balance of \$7,858.04, with \$550 in deposits to be mad for a total of \$8,383.04. Final Riverfest balance sheet indicates \$2,770 received in sponsorships, and \$3,520.33 in expenses for a net cost to the treasury of \$750.33.

Communications: No report, but some feedback concerning the broadcast e-mail software. The \$40 to \$50 package previously approved won't work with our servers. The software we need is more in the \$500 range.

Transportation: Catlin Zettl and Wendy Inge have met. Discussed pork chop at Huguenot & Cherokee intersection. Urchie Ellis suggests the addition of a dashed turn line to guide left turning traffic into Cherokee Road. Joyce Ellis commented that she thought the stop bars were located too far back from Huguenot Road to allow for appropriate sight lines. Jerry Miller noted that the lights on Forest Hill still are not synchronized and that he's working with the City to achieve that.

Comments on landscaping at the new shopping center – more to come once other construction is completed, and the developer is waiting for Autumn before undertaking any more planting. Urchie Ellis noted that there was an ad in the paper regarding a meeting in Ashland for transportation enhancement funds, and that he contacted the city and Kathy Graziano's office to remind them to apply for the Forest Hill Avenue streetscape project previously submitted. The costs of improvements installed by Harper Associates counts towards the matching fund requirement, but there needs to be a resolution by council and action on the part of the city administration to apply for the funds. Comments about traffic control on the interior access roads of Chippenham Forest Square, with the concern being the uncontrolled intersection at Center Drive and the center's cross-street. A 4-way stop is suggested.

Police: Shootout reported on Riverside Drive last week about 10:30 – 11:00 PM. Police report filed, but repeated calls to police department resulted in a call back by a sergeant that didn't have any further information. Jerry Miller reported that in discussions he's had he's learned that our area will be moving to the third precinct which is served out of Meadow Street in the next couple of weeks. He hopes to have the new chief of police at the Huguenot team meeting later this year.

#### New Business:

Jerry Miller is feeling out support for renaming Center Drive in honor of the late Joe Brooks.

Discussed efforts by Jerry Miller and the Oxford Association to sponsor a candidate forum or debate between Brad Marrs and Katherine Waddell this fall. Motion by Young to co-sponsor. Motion failed for lack of a second. Subsequent discussion noted that Southampton has invited Waddell to an upcoming meeting to provide her with equal time used by Marrs during the "legislative update" section (which turned out to be more political than historical). Also determined that Oxford's board had not formally met regarding this proposal, nor was it clear that the campaigns were fully aware of this proposal.

Urchie Ellis inquired about membership information. Sue Stewart will obtain from Sarah Fite and report back next month. Ellis also requested board to make filling the vacant director position a priority, and for the secretary to update the files in the closet with printed copies of the minutes. Ellis also commented that the new neighbor folder put together by Sarah Fite was excellent, and Frank Dorman had these available for distribution at the meeting.

Real Estate Development: Demolition for the Wawa development has apparently begun. Signs posted by Wilton at the 17 acres site, but no work underway. Reports from tenants at the Stratford Hills Shopping Center that they are only being offered one-year leases, and that redevelopment is being contemplated.

Urchie Ellis noted that at the last neighborhood team meeting that there was a complaint about outdoor movies being shown at Stony Point Fashion Park (free family night movies on Thursdays, in a small roped off area of the parking lot behind Restoration Hardware). Ellis was taken aback by the nature of the complaint, and when pressed for details the person making the complaint apparently didn't have any. Jerry Miller noted that he has asked someone from the city administration to address this particular issue at the next team meeting.

Adjournment: 8:16 PM.