

MINUTES OF THE HAMPTON IMPROVEMENT ASSOCIATION

November 3, 2014

I. The meeting was called to order by Dwight Kines, President at 7:30 P.M. 10 persons were in attendance. Dwight announced this was the annual meeting for the Board. The normal agenda order was altered in order to accommodate guests.

Dwight indicated that our State Senator, Jim Brochin, was present and he was given time to address those present. Senator Brochin encouraged those present to vote for the referendum issue dealing with the Transportation Trust Fund which if passed would make it difficult for future administrations to raid the trust fund for non-transportation purposes. He also went over his wish list for the next session if he is reelected. The list included cutting the state income tax as well as adjusting the rates. Too many people are paying at the highest tax rate. He would like to see college tuitions at the state institutions lowered so more people could attend. He also indicated he had his eye on several environmental issues including improving the health of the Chesapeake Bay.

Greg Veal from Securitas was also present and gave a report. This is Securitas' seventh year working in the neighborhood. They are averaging 25 hours a week spread out over different times. He indicated that those patrolling are trying to be proactive. He told about a scam in another neighborhood where people pretend they are doing yard work and then break in the house. He indicated that the time sheets are now electronic. He was asked to supply an email address for Securitas for ease of contact. After his report, Dwight indicated that only about 1/3 of the community gives dues to help with security.

II. Prior Minutes: The minutes of the October meeting were approved by the Board.

Dwight also indicated that the minutes are now being posted on the website.

III. Hampton Mansion Update: John Olsinger from the Hampton Mansion was also in attendance. The Visitor Center project is about 98% complete. Most of the remaining work is on the interior. MDE has been very slow to respond to issues under its purview most recently dealing with grass coverage around the facility. The grand opening will probably be scheduled for early in 2015. He said the new facility looks very nice on the inside. There will be Christmas events with music on December 12th, 13th and 14th. There have been no recent security issues other than teenagers drinking on the property.

IV. Security: See report above from Securitas.

V. Treasurer's Report: Alan Moore was not present and there was no report

VI. Welcoming Committee/Block Party: Kevin Burroughs was not present but Dwight indicated that the visits to new residents were up to date.

VII. Website: Dwight encouraged people to look at the website. There are recent pictures from the flea market as well as block party.

VIII. ARC Report: Dwight Kines indicated that the new owner of 600 St Francis has been in contact with him and plans will be brought to the Board once they are final.

IX Old Business: Dwight Kines indicated that the owner of 606 E. Seminary has appealed the Court of Special Appeals decision. Our attorney still thinks we have a strong case. There was also discussion about the success of the first flea market. About 12-15 persons set up to sell things. A few lessons were learned which will be beneficial for the next one.

X. New Business. There was no new business.

XI Adjournment. All business having been conducted, the meeting was adjourned at 8:20

PM.

Respectfully submitted Larry Jenkins