

Larchmont Edgewater Civic League Meeting
December 18, 2023
Minutes

1. Welcome. President Kinnison called the meeting to order at 7:04 p.m.
2. Community Event Updates. Civic League Vice President Mike Crockett summarized some of the recent events in both our neighborhood and the City of Norfolk including ODU's Faith & Blue Fall Harvest Festival, [NFK2050](#) (Norfolk's new Comprehensive Plan), and a caroling and spaghetti dinner occasion at the Larchmont United Methodist Church.
3. Committee Openings. We need volunteers for these standing committees: Parks & Rec, Public Safety and Traffic, Membership & Community Engagement; Communications; Audit. We are also in need of committee members for these special purpose committees: Memorial Day Parade Planning, 2024; Christmas Tree Lighting, 2024; Neighborhood Signage.
4. Delegate Phil Hernandez, Norfolk's 94th District. Del. Hernandez reminded everyone that January 10, 2024, is the first day of the upcoming Virginia General Assembly legislative session.
 - There will be a Virtual Town Hall on Tuesday, December 19th, sponsored by Senator (Elect) Angelia Williams Graves, Delegate (Elect) Bonita Anthony, and Delegate (Elect) Phil Hernandez.
 - Governor Youngkin will introduce his 2-yr budget on Wednesday, December 20th. K-12 public education and affordable childcare are of particular interest to Del. Hernandez (teacher pay, learning loss because of the pandemic, etc.)
 - Del. Hernandez also spoke about funding for coastal resiliency efforts. As a reminder, Virginia is withdrawing from RGGI, the Regional Greenhouse Gas Initiative, at the end of 2023. For more information about this action: https://www.bayjournal.com/news/climate_change/what-s-at-stake-if-rggi-disappears-in-virginia/article_6007fdd8-5bc1-11ee-8a20-87d32ca1d52d.html
 - Residents are invited to visit him in Richmond. Please contact his office and they will work to arrange a visit. Email: DelPHernandez@house.virginia.gov. Office: General Assembly Building/201 North 9th Street/Richmond, Virginia 23219/Office 1103
5. Officer Charles Dreer, Norfolk Police Department.
 - A driver under the influence, and travelling at high-speed east on Bolling Avenue, broke through the guard rail at Jamestown Crescent opposite Bolling Avenue, and ended up in the water. He was hospitalized, and then jailed. A work order has been placed to fix the guard rail. See photo.
 - Reminder: The holidays are here – pay attention to your surroundings. Officer Dreer described what is called “jugging” and asked everyone to be careful and be aware when going to the bank. Here's more information about jugging, courtesy

of Inside Edition: <https://www.insideedition.com/media/videos/california-cops-tips-for-avoiding-bank-jugging-this-holiday-shopping-season-85135>

- If you have packages in your car, put them in the trunk. Trunks are much harder to break into than the rest of the car.
 - Crossing guards: Crossing guards are assigned randomly – NPD is working to assign guards to specific areas, upon request. Please let NPD know if you are interested in the position of school crossing guard. Job pays \$18.00/hour, flexible shifts, and the opportunity to work near your neighborhood (possibly). For more information, call: 757.823.4464. [There does not seem to be a priority list for intersections within the city. The Civic League is most concerned about the intersection at Jamestown Crescent and Monroe Place.]
6. Lamberts Point City Park Initiative – Update. Grassroots effort to create the Lambert’s Point City Park from the former golf course. www.lambertspointcitypark.com
 7. Civic League Board of Directors Election. President (Mike Crockett), Vice-President (no nominations/vacant), Secretary (Gail Nicula), Treasurer (Kate Ellis). Past-President (Nate Kinnison). There were no nominations from the Floor. Motion to accept: Moved and seconded. Passed. Thanks to Nate Kinnison for taking on the position of civic league President for six years!
 8. Communications. We have redesignated our Newsletter chair as our Communications Director. Chloe Falkinson is our first Communications Director, and the guiding force behind our wonderful newsletter.
 9. 2024 Speaker Ideas. Send your ideas to Mike.crockett@yahoo.com. One suggestion: A tour of the new Ryan Resilience Lab on Colley Avenue.
 10. New Business. Work on Lexan Avenue has negatively affected the businesses and offices there, including Waters Edge and D’Egg. The Civic League Board is looking into how we might advocate for them. The next upgrade to Hampton Blvd will have a huge impact on those businesses. Please try to support them. For those who might not be aware, Waters Edge has a meeting room available.
 11. Happy holidays! The meeting adjourned at 7:50 p.m.

Respectfully,
Gail Nicula, Secretary

17 attendees in person; 2 via Zoom.

