

Ghent Neighborhood League
July 16, 2015
Chrysler Museum
Minutes

Board Members in Attendance: Karen Reynes, Emily Birknes , David Zellmer, John Ryan, Deborah Wilborn, Paige Rose, BarBara Murphy, Michael Spencer, Henry Conde

- I. Call to order, President Emily Birknes, 6:30P.M. Approval of the Minutes: June 18 -
- II. III. Safety Report: Officer Jacob Medley: jacob.medley@norfolk.gov;
Phone: 390-0405
 - Harris Teeter stabbing – individuals known to each other; not random act
 - Shots into a dwelling; 500 block of Fairfax; July 4; random shooting into air
 - John Ryan – better under Brambleton Bridge
 - Scam- cleaning gutters; Eddie Artis; door to door scam; stealing gutter; using names of residents
 - John Ryan – condom, used at the corner of Mowbrary Arch and Colonial Ave.
- III. Reports Standing Committees

President's Report (Handout)

- Flooding presentation (Tuesday, August 11th at Chrysler Museum)
- Ghent Task Force – Friday, July 10
- Holiday Party – co-chairs Margie Tekamp and Kim Montalvo

Communications (David)

- David supports posting announcements that are of interest to our neighborhood. What are the protocols? Does not need to be a posting that we support.
- Board decides to create some language of what can be posted.
- Creating a “beta” type of web site
- Focus on content rather than form.

Community Improvement (Paige)

- Committee focus back to community infrastructure
- New web site proto type
- Storm drain buddies – orange bags – contractor is responsible for moving them – Freda Burns is the contact
- Concerns about contractor noise and safety

Residential (Karen)

- Stream line process of reviews; neighbors helping neighbors
- No current items in front of ARB
- Street lights that are out – forward to Paige or David

Commercial (David – handout)

- Flights Tasting – Clark Olsen

- Resolved most of the concerns of the GNL
- Olsen has been responsive; made adjustments; recommend approval and support by GNL
- Vote to support 7 “yes”; 2 abstentions
- Application review for 1201 Colonial Ave. (formerly Doll House Accessories store to lawyer’s office) – straightforward application with recommended approval

Treasurer (Karen-handout)

IV. Special Committees

Ghent Kayak Launch (Matt Haggerty)

- Objective: Get a kayak launch in Ghent
- Provided a proposed site to Parks and Rec.
- Parks and Rec. has assigned a representative – Shaun ...
- City will put this on their TDL
- Next; What is the site that Ghent wants?
- Steps: Talk to residents; Parking (parking analysis); population density analysis (the idea is to place launch at closest distance to houses); develop momentum behind the project
- www.Ghentkayak.com
- Currently there are three possible sites on the web site

Ghent Homeless Task Force

Co-chairs are preparing a report for council representatives Whibley and Winn for presentation at September 11th Task Force meeting

- Scared Heart is opening their doors in the morning for restroom access (Neil Welsh)

GBA

- Ghent Masquerade – October 30
- New GBA web site
- John Ryan will become the GNL representative

Henry suggests that committee reports and other materials be available to board members by Monday before the Thursday meeting

V. New Business

Heart of Ghent 10K (Pat Moore)

- 4th year
- September 26
- 1,200 runners
- Set up around 5AM; race begins by 8:00AM
- Race is over by 11:30AM

- Training for the race going on at the YMCA
- Fund raiser for 5 non-profits; 40% of proceeds

Update on Hague Sewer Project (city Leticia Quejada)

- 25% complete
- 800 linear feet installed; another 800 to be done; mostly complete by September 26, 2015
- Move to sewer between Mowbrary Arch and Pembroke – start in September;
- The contractor will make sure residents have access to property during construction
- Review curbing issues as part of the project

Item – BarBara Murphy

- Requests an individual resident handicap parking in front of resident

Comment from resident – create a Welcome Package for new residents on rules and regulations

Adjournment 7:58PM

August Meeting TBA