

BAYCLIFF CIVIC LEAGUE MEETING
November 18, 2008

The meeting was called to order at 7:00 p.m. by President John Hogan. As there was not a quorum present, no issues presented could be acted upon.

Our speaker Councilman James Wood spoke on the subject of light rail and said that Virginia Beach had voted to acquire the Norfolk Southern right away and an Environmental Impact Study is underway. He stated that transit is a priority in Richmond and in order to obtain federal funding it is required that the study be undertaken. Mr. Wood introduced James Toscano, VP of Public Affairs & Communications at Hampton Roads Transit, who had a number of handouts concerning light rail transit.

The question was asked if the transit will extend to Virginia Beach, and they are working on that possibility in the future. From Newtown Rd. to the Oceanfront is 11 -12 miles at a cost of \$35 million per mile. Another question arose regarding parking facilities for users. The plan calls for surface lots around stations referred to as TOD (transit oriented development). Mr. Toscano said that for every \$1.00 spent there would be a return of \$6.00 from the developments. Both speakers pointed out that light rail is part of a transit system.

Our next speaker was Bob Fulton, a Specialist with Dominion Power Energy Conservation, who stated that the United States uses \$1 million per minute in energy, and we use six times more energy than other countries. He showed a number of charts indicating the percentage used in heating, washer/dryer, cooking, etc. He also highly recommends using CFL (compact fluorescent lights). Another recommendation was insulation with the proper R value, making sure that the caulking around windows is done, and the correct planting of trees and shrubs to cool and warm homes.

The Minutes of September 13, 2008 were read and George Cox stated that he was unaware that a motion had been made at the last meeting to move forward with traffic calming project. The minutes pertaining to this issue were read again.

All in attendance were given the Treasurer's Report prepared by Paul Rist.

The Traffic Calming program gave the Petition to the Traffic Engineering Dept. and will then go to the City. This will only apply to Baycliff Drive.

The Boundaries Committee will provide a report at the January meeting.

Old Business

A question arose regarding the issue of new homes being built across the water, Christine Westendorf pointed out that it was determined that land under water is considered state's land and the State issued the permits to build the homes in question.

Upcoming events include Santa's visit on 12/6 at the front entrance, please turn in gifts at the Polley residence where there will be a drop box, and that also volunteers are needed. This year a caroling trek along Baycliff Dr. is planned in lieu of a house party for the adults.

The meeting was adjourned at 8:45 p.m.

Respectfully submitted, Phyllis Cox