

May 4, 2010 Cradock Civic League Minutes

- Meeting was called to order at 7:05 pm by Joanna Hall, President.
- Pledge of Allegiance was recited, and a moment of silence was observed.
- A quorum was verified.
- General announcements and correspondence was read, one from Wheelabrater saying they are looking forward to collaborate with the civic league.
- March and April meeting minutes were approved with no corrections.
- Treasurer report: read and accepted by membership for April.
 - o \$961.62 beginning balance
 - o \$974.88 deposits
 - o \$766.88 dispersments
 - o \$1162.62 end balance
 - o Adopt-A-Spot balance-\$176.43

Guest Speakers

- o **Vance Evans**-Extensive testing will be occurring at the Peck Iron and Metal site. The main concerns will be heavy metals, and PCB's. The EPA will be doing interviews with concerned residents. If you wish to do an interview call 215-814-5526, or 800-553-2509.
- o **Amelia Liberty**-Will be working behind the scenes during the cleanup to assist in understanding documents. There is a tech-assist grant that has been spent on having a tech advisor.
- o **Mark Evans**-Transfer of property is what has brought on this investigation.
- o **Jessica Bates**-Remedial project Manager-A fund was given to perform public health assessment.
- o **Loretta Asbury (ATSDR)**-is a communication specialist, will have a proactive approach and communicate in layman's terms.

Committee and chair reports

NIO

- Lt. Lee Cherry- gave us an update on Ted's condition. The civic league sent flowers.
- NIO-Officer Eaglin-(235-5362) larcenies have been occurring in the mornings. Keep an eye out for actions occurring in neighbors homes. Has recommendation to run the reverse 911 number in the newsletter. Portsmouth Crimes has a new text number 274637, and it will be anonymous.

Newsletter-The 2nd and 4th newsletter of the year will be electronic with paper copies available in the library.

Spring fest-paperwork and insurance has been completed. Vendors will need to get own insurance and license. The Lyons Club will have a broom sale.

Patriotic Salute-Dottie will be in charge of Bike Parade, and Joanna will take care of the other parts.

Yard-of-the-Month-12 Morris St.

Adopt-A-Spot-There will be new plants placed in the back.

Community

Fire Department-Fire Marshall-Mike Stockton-Duty fire marshal at all times. Arson awareness week "know your neighborhood". Approximately 20% fires are in vacant homes. Portsmouth has about 1000 vacant homes at this time.

Old Business

- Mike's ABC license-Currently deliberating will know outcome later.
- More properties are needed for the Neighborhood stabilization grant.

New Business

-Bench at intersection of Aylwin and Dahlgren- Officer Eaglin is now aware of the loitering problem at the bench. A sign saying closed sunset to sunrise will be placed here and more monitoring will occur. Also, possibility of getting a new light post installed.

Meeting adjourned at 8:17 pm.