

September 1, 2009
CRADOCK CIVIC LEAGUE MEETING MINUTES

1. Meeting called to order at 7:00 by Joanna Hall, President
2. Pledge of Allegiance was recited and a moment of silence was observed.
3. A quorum was verified.
4. Correspondence read by President Joanna Hall
5. June 2009 Meeting Minutes were approved with no corrections.
6. Treasurer's report: Motion passed to table June Treasurer's report until October Civic League Meeting. Adopt-A-Spot Balance report will be tabled until the October Civic League Meeting.

SCHEDULED SPEAKERS

- Grandparents Raising Grandkids - The Planning Group gave ideas of how the organization can help seniors with upgrading insulation in their homes to lower monthly bill by acting as an agent for the STOP organization.
- Paper Moon Gentleman's Club – Representative – Attorney Mr. Whitley presented the Paper Moon Gentlemen's club presentation. The owners of the club are submitted on August 11, 2009 to the City of Portsmouth a Use Permit Application to expand the Final Frontier Gentlemen's club. A motion was made that the Cradock Civic League take a position of opposition on the Paper Moon Gentlemen's club and write a letter of opposition to the Planning Commission. Motion passed.

COMMITTEE AND CHAIR REPORTS

NIO (235-5658):

- Officer Baker-Crime is still down. There is still a gang problem. Some gang leaders arrested. Remember to lock your car doors.
- Lee Cherry gave an update on the CEU. He asked for volunteers to be on the Youth Endeavor Education Committee. Two Cradock Civic League Members Volunteered. Ms. Regina Pitman and Ms. Barbara Winegarten.

Neighborhood Quality:

- Mr. Trotter is targeting immobile vehicles. He is also focusing on Cushing Street. Mr. Trotter provided guidelines for when to obtain a building permit, which were distributed during the Civic League meeting.

Newsletters:

- Newsletters were completed and in the process of distribution. Volunteers needed to distribute newsletter. Newsletter distribution and printing question was tabled to the October agenda.

Yard Of the Month:

- Christa Black will take over the Yard of the Month and Bob Mills will help her while Jen is on deployment. (To-date: Sign delivered to Krista on September 30. Streets info needs to be provided.)

Lyon's Club:

- Mr. Bob Mills presented an update. He stated that if anyone knows of anyone who needs free glasses – let him know. The Lyon's Club also takes donations of classes. Saturday, October 3rd, Lyon's Club will meet from 4 to 7 at Ray's Pizza and Pasta. At Come Home to Cradock (October 17) the Lyon's Club will be providing free sight, hearing and diabetes screening. October 3 – Cradock Presb. Church will host a Spaghetti Dinner Fundraiser for the Lyon's Club - \$7.00 per meal.

OLD BUSINESS

- Skate Park – City Council voted to reprogram funds. Location was picked by committee within GW Park. It is at the front area between the light pole and wooden fence of GW Park.
- Moving Cradock Civic League Meetings to the Cradock Baptist beginning in January 2010 discussion was tabled to the October Civic League Meeting.
- June 20th Biological Exercise Volunteers were recognized and congratulated. 15 volunteers delivered to 1900 home VDH yellow bags that contained information on antibiotic for anthrax and about the exercise and survey information.

NEW BUSINESS

- Come Home to Cradock – Civic League made the motion to set up a table at the event. Motion passed.
- Christmas in Cradock Volunteers Needed. Saturday December 5th.
- Cradock Post Office Reduced Hours. Cradock Civic League voted to write a letter to have the 9 to 5 hours restored.

- Martha Ann Creecy asked that the Cradock Civic League host a Candidates Forum in October. The Cradock Civic League voted to appropriate up to \$100.00 to hire a moderator. Martha Ann also gave an update on the NQTF and stated that the state and Portsmouth codes now match.

UP COMING DATES

September 10th SPSA CAC Meeting at 7:00 p.m. at the RDF Plant Conference Room
September 12th Clean Community Commission – Cradock Community Cleanup – (9:00 am Afton Square)
September 15th Neighborhood Watch Meeting 7:00 p.m. Cradock Baptist Church and City of Portsmouth
Community Meeting at Woodrow Wilson High School.
October 6th Cradock Civic League Meeting and Portsmouth Planning Commission to Vote on Paper
Moon at 1:30 p.m. (To date: Paper Moon application has been moved to the November
3rd Planning Commission Meeting).
October 17th Come Home to Cradock

Meeting adjourned at 8:55 p.m.