

March 3, 2009
CRADOCK CIVIC LEAGUE MEETING MINUTES

- _ Meeting called to order at 7:00 by Joanna Hall, President
- _ Pledge of Allegiance was recited and a moment of silence was observed.
- _ A quorum was verified.
- _ General announcements: upcoming events, correspondence, with much thanks to the Cradock Alumni for their contribution of \$350 towards Springfest.
- _ February Meeting Minutes were approved with no corrections.
- _ Treasurer's report: read & accepted by membership.
 - \$1836.63 Forwarded Balance
 - \$86.00 Deposits
 - \$1922.63 Ending Balance
- _ Adopt-A-Spot Balance \$215.05

SCHEDULED SPEAKERS

- o Erika Maciula- World Changers will be here July 4th -11th, currently there are 15 applicants with 5 houses in the historic district. Volunteers are needed. PHRA is currently working with Cushing St. as the priority, and will then move onto other areas. Motion was approved to support the Conservation and Redevelopment in the Cradock neighborhood to extend up to 5 years. Portsmouth is currently applying for grants up to \$2 million for purchase of foreclosures. The motion was approved to support the application for the stabilization grant.
- o Tom Kreidel-Requests the presence of more citizens for the advisory council which will occur at 7pm on the third Thursday of the month. The next dates are September 17th and December 19th. An SPSA board meeting will occur on March 25th, (consists of 8 members) they are looking to finish the sale of the waste to energy plant in June, and turnover in September. He will be back in June after the sale is finalized to give us more information.
- o Re-energy-Vice Mayor Moody believes all proposals should be given a fair chance, and it is time for a change. Larry Richardson- Reviewed proposal of the Re-energy plant, and would have agreements with the communities to provide predictability. He requests interest in SPSA giving Re-energy a second look.
- o Tereza Marks- Portsmouth Humane Society has lowered euthanizations by 63% by becoming a no-kill facility. 1/3 of budget comes from the city, which they will decide on April 1st to renew. "Cause for Paws" April 25th at Olde Town, 1 mile walk. Request Purina food for donations.

COMMITTEE AND CHAIR REPORTS

NIO (235-5658)

- o Officer Baker-increased larceny in vehicles, remember to remove GPS. Currently working with Mr. Trotter on problem houses.
- o Sheriff Watson pledges 100% support to the new Chief. Supports the Port Center for the new City Hall, saving Portsmouth \$23 million.

Newsletters

- o Thank you to the new volunteers.

Yard of the Month

- o None for February.

Spring Fest

- o Co-Chair Sharon Jacobs (558-1606) on May 2nd 10-4pm and volunteers are needed for children's activities. Applications for tables are out.

Patriotic Salute

- o Chair and volunteers needed.

OLD BUSINESS

- The letter to City Council introducing the new Civic League approved with minor adjustments.
- The meet and greet for the New Police Chief was a success. Thank you Dottie and all others for your hard work.

NEW BUSINESS

- Request citizen support at the April 14th City council meeting for the approval of the Skate Park.

UP COMING DATES

- April 11th Clean Community Commission-Cradock Community Cleanup at Afton square, 9am.
 - April 21st Cradock Neighborhood watch at Cradock Baptist Church, 7pm.
- Meeting adjourned at 9:00pm.