

February 6, 2007

CRADOCK CIVIC LEAGUE MEETING MINUTES

- Meeting called to order at 7:04 by Laura Somers, President.
- A quorum was present.
- Pledge of Allegiance was recited and a moment of silence was observed.
- General announcements: Mayors Ball, etc.
- January 2006 Minutes accepted as read/amended.
- Treasurer's report: amendments to January report. Accepted by membership.

SCHEDULED SPEAKERS

Mr Grillo, Dept of General Services (Waste Mgmt/trash pick up & Inspections) – Mr Grillo and Mrs Jordan (inspector assigned to Cradock) in attendance to address issues regarding trash pick up, fees / increase in trash removal charges

- Mr Grillo reviewed changes that have occurred within his department over past few years; much of their focus has been on quality. They reviewed Chap 16 of Code (i.e. trash issues) and made a number of revisions, which came into effect October 2006. Summaries of the changes were inserted in recent billing mailed to residents.
- General discussion regarding (1) Recent increases in trash fees (and portion of overall budget which goes to SPSA) and anticipated increase for July 2007 (as a result of SPSA increase from \$52/ton to \$75/ton Jan 1st to ~\$100+/ton July 1st); (2) enforcement of new regs using fines for those who blatantly disregard revisions (e.g. consistently put trash out too soon, etc). ** Mrs Jordan, our local inspector can be reached at 393-8663 ext 7323.

COMMITTEE AND CHAIR REPORTS -

- **NIO – IAN McNETT** – Officer McNett's cell phone # is: 235-5658.
 - – overview of criminal activity in area recently; question-and-answer from members (e.g. removal of assigned officer at Middle School & has it had impact on criminal activity)
- **NEIGHBORHOOD QUALITY ENHANCEMENT** – no report
- **EVENTS – Patriotic Salute:** Dottie Wyatt will not be able to make this year's event & President will also be away. Teresa Olson, Recording Secretary will stand in this year.
- **ADOPT-A-SPOT** – no report

COMMUNITY ORGANIZATIONS – no reports

- **AFTON CENTER** –
- **BOY SCOUTS** –
- **CRADOCK BUSINESS OWNERS ASSC.** –
- **CRADOCK CHRISTIAN ACADEMY** –
- **HELPING HANDS –CRADOCK MIDDLE SCHOOL PTA** –
- **NEIGHBORHOOD WATCH** –
- **JAMES HURST PTA** –
- **QUALITY OF LIFE TEAM FOR THE RETURN OF PARADISE CREEK** –
- **VFW LADIES AUXILIARY** –
- **LIONS CLUB – Bob Mills:** announced that there may be another vision clinic in April or May.

OLD BUSINESS

Mercury Testing event – discussion and decision on whether Civic League should be represented as an official "sponsor" for this event. Motion was made **not** to officially endorse the event – moved/seconded. Passed.

NEW BUSINESS

NEWSLETTER – submissions for the next quarter are due March 1st. Please contact Joanna Hall or send submissions to cradocktimes@cox.net

YARD OF THE MONTH – Melody Repanshak organized streets for this years nominations and drawings were made to identify the pool of streets that would be viewed each month. Willing volunteers

SpringFest – interested volunteers, contact Teresa Olson 328-8775 This event needs a Chairperson, or will have to be cancelled.

Portsmouth will accept information for email newsletter for ongoing community projects at woods@portsmouthva.gov

Meeting Adjourned at 8:55 pm.