

# Forest Hills Neighborhood Association

## May 19, 2016

### Meeting Notes

**Attendees:** 7 Residents

**Staff Present:** Ross Zelenske, Neighborhood Liaison/City Planner; three members of Engine 3 (HFD); and two Police Officers (HPD A-PACT)

#### **Meeting Notes:**

The meeting was called to order at 7:04 PM by Gwen Belk.

Gwen Belk introduced herself as the neighborhood group leader. Gwen thanked the usual attendees for their continued attendance, as well as, the Fire and Police for their attendance and reports.

Officer Long from the Hickory Police Department introduced himself and provided the following report:

- A minor dog bite occurred, a domestic assault was reported, a license plate was stolen after the vehicle's driver entered a local business, and a stolen vehicle and hit and run was reported. The stolen vehicle owner's story is under further investigation by Police.
- There have also been reports of phone call scams going on in Hickory. Stories such as someone from the IRS calling and demanding payment. Callers are threatened with arrest by the Police Department if they do not provide wired money. Another scam involves a caller who claims to be a distant family member who has been jailed while on vacation and needs bail money. If you receive a call that is suspicious, do not provide any money or personal details to the caller. Please report any phone scams you receive to the Hickory Police Department, so they can help spread the word.

Apparatus Operator Rhodarmer provided the following report for the Hickory Fire Department:

- He stated that they unfortunately were not provided with a formal report, but did recall through their past shifts that there were no major incidents to note. Most calls were EMS as usual.
- Any dirty water experienced in the past few weeks was likely from hydrant flushing.
- The Fire Department's Citizens Fire Academy is wrapping up. The Department plans to hold another in the future. Be on the lookout for that, if you are interested.

Planner Ross Zelenske provided the following information:

- Ross began by passing around the May edition of the City Snippets newsletter, which included information on upcoming activities and notices.

- The City Walk RFQ submission window has closed. Staff is currently reviewing 10 RFQs that have been received. Staff and the Bond Commission Subcommittee will meet soon and evaluate all submittals and make a recommendation to City Council. City Council will hear the recommendation in July and will make a final decision, which will award the contract to one of the 10 firms that applied. The next RFQ will be for the two gateway projects on Highway 321. This should be released early next month.
- The Lackey project had another meeting this week. Ross stated he was present in this meeting. They were working on making changes to the conceptual plan to ensure they would work in real life and for future plan submittal. For instance, ensuring new paths and docks were handicap accessible, the fishing pier was extended to a water depth suitable for fishing, there were enough parking spaces for simultaneous park use and small events, etc. Meetings will continue with TSW, the architectural firm hired, who will make changes as a result of comments.
- The groundbreaking for the Friends of Hickory Park in downtown occurred this month. Water line work will occur as soon as possible. A mosaics workshop is going on that will involve pieces for the park. Check the Friends of Hickory website for more information.
- Ross stated that construction on the McDonalds looked to be in full swing. He could not think of any new projects coming up in the area. Ross asked if there was anything else he could find out for the group. There were none.

Gwen Belk and the citizens attending then began discussing the next planned meeting time. With summer vacations around the corner for folks, it was decided to cancel the June meeting and reconvene in July.

The meeting was adjourned at 7:18 PM.

**Next Meeting:**

July 21, 2016 at 7:00 PM at Geitner-Rotary Park. Notes recorded by Ross Zelenske.