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## Princess Anne Plaza Civic League

March 12, 2019

President Bob Elms called the meeting to order at 7:02 p.m., giving the invocation and leading those present in the Pledge of Allegiance. Bob also advised that Wayne State University would be filming our session.

Recording Secretary Fran Sansone asked that to dispense with the reading of the minutes as hard copies were available to those interested. Bob advised that the pending any corrections made to the minutes, they would stand as written.

Officer Jeff Crawford with the VBPD 1<sup>st</sup> Precinct gave his crime and safety presentation. He noted that there was an increase in both motor vehicle larcenies and home burglaries (unattended homes and vacant ones) and urged everyone to be alert and diligent. Narcotic arrests have increased due to the proactive policing. He also noted speed alert detectors have been out on Bow Creek, S. Club House, and some other streets with speeding issues. Crawford said police body cams are in their last phase of issuance and noted that large amounts of storage space are required and handling the info is pricey. The system must be secured and personal information must be redacted unless it is germane to a representation.

Tammy Bowie, Code Enforcement, said there has been an increase in inoperable vehicles, and that police take care of such vehicles that are on the street. She asked that people change their smoke detector batteries now. She noted that we are approaching grass growing season and homeowners need to maintain their property. Trash bins also need to be behind the front plate of the house, and residents can go to the City's website, then Code Enforcement, for a list of minimal standards.

Pete Abreu provided those present with a bit of his personal background and relationship with the Windsor Woods area before giving a real estate update. He noted we're currently in a healthy seller's market and of the 7299 properties within the PAPCL boundaries: 63 are for sale (6 attached/57 detached), there were 25 sales last month with a median sale price of \$225K.

Mike Mundy, Public Works, provided updates on the various projects throughout the League area: Near completion are Northgate Park and Windsor Woods Canals, Windsor Oaks West 3 project expected to start in June and is a 10-month project, CCTV work on W. Colonial Pky. and Cortland are 40 percent complete. He thanked those folks who attended the Feb. 12 & 13 meetings, noting that their engineer liked having guests and answering questions from stakeholders. Q&A session: BMP at Mt. Trashmore – Mundy said he was unfamiliar with it but would have an update at the next meeting. South Boulevard "test well" – The City is performing soil borings, and checking the stability of the soil vs. quality. Has there been pushback on the pump gates – No according to the City, but PAPCL is at Thalia. The City is working with the VBCCO to explain it. Why is there no more rise and fall of tides at Lake Windsor? Mundy will have the water sensor checked (on Plaza Trail bridge). It was noted by an attendee that the drain tubes at I-264 are plugged and that's a drainage path to Thalia Creek. Al Wallace of the VBCCO asked if there is a listing of projects on the website as he fields a lot of questions. – Operations has a listing but it may not be on the website. Mundy reminded folks to get a service request number when a request is made. Resident said Lake Windsor has a lot of debris, trash, dead animals, etc. – Mundy said the City is not setup to clean it

regularly and that much it is street debris, where the first line of defense/clean up is with residents. He also stated that homeowners' property lines reach into canals and lakes but there's no maintenance agreement.

#### Q&A and General Statements:

Al Wallace said the VBCCO plans to draft a resolution to get the City's attention on flooding within the City. Q- What would happen if our area was hit with storm surge? Dominion Energy wouldn't do much if the surge is 2-3' and nothing if it was higher as there wouldn't be anyone to delivery energy to. Dominion Energy won't armor up the equipment or area, so preparation must take place now. Taxes will increase to cover the costs. With 1.7 million people in our area plus being a part of the NC evacuation route, early evacuation is necessary. Virginia Wasserburg commented that City Council may ask for a stormwater fee increase, noting there was a 2.7% increase in 2017 amounting to approximately \$9 a year per address. She asked that residents connect with Council about the proposal for a yay or nay or to come up with other flood funding and mitigation. It was noted that a bi-partisan state bill to disclose if a home/property has flooded will be signed by the governor. State delegate Kelly Convors-Fowler was on hand to present to Bob Jennings and Virginia Wasserburg/Stop The Flooding NOW, a certificate of resolution for their efforts, work and partnership. With Flood Awareness Week running March 10-16, both recipients asked those present to get engaged in conversation, get info and empirical data, and get flood insurance.

Bob introduced the evening's scheduled speaker, Kristi Rines, Recycling Coordinator, Va. Beach Waste Management Division. Kristi made various comments answered several questions, including the high turnover rate of drivers (drivers are taking their CDL elsewhere), putting cans on the same side of the street (power lines were an issue on one side of the street), and residents can now put single use alkaline batteries in household trash bins but not recycling bins. NiCad, lithium and rechargeable batteries must still be taken to the City's hazard household waste location or to a big box DIY store for disposal. Kristi also said plastic bottles numbered 1 – 7 can now go into recycle bins, but nothing with "residue" such as yogurt containers and butter tubs. Tidewater Fiber Corp. (TFC) hand picks out trash and items with residue as they move along a conveyor belt. She also said there really is "no home" for glass as it's too easily contaminated and should be placed in black vs. blue cans. Where do recycled items go: Mohawk Carpet purchases flakes made from plastics; cardboard, paper, tin, and steel go back to the same producer of those materials; aluminum has a 60-day turnaround and can be infinitely recycled.

Being no further business, the meeting was adjourned at 8:20 p.m.

Respectfully,

FRAN SANSONE

Recording Secretary