



Greater Wards Corner Mayor's Task Force Meeting

Thursday, May 8, 2008, 8:30 a.m.
Norfolk Wellness and Fitness Center

Minutes

1. Present

Jennifer Gwaltney	John Keifer	Alice Kelly
Martin Thomas Jr.	Ray Ransom	Jim English
Barbara Laws	Dreama Waterfield	Eric Heard
Joan Griffey	Louis Eisneberg	Elyse Kalfus
Don Williams	Terry Whibley	Barclay Winn
Marcus Jones	Jay Hanna	Rick Anderson
Harriette Frost	Sherry Romulus	Frank Duke
Janice Hurley	Chuck Rigney	William King
Scott Kennedy		

2. Police Department Report

Captain Gallagher represented the Police Department. Captain Gallagher provided an update on the recent murder on Beverly Avenue in Talbot Park. He indicated that there is no indication of this incident being gang related. Currently, there is an ongoing investigation and the Norfolk Police Department is working in conjunction with NCIS. The body of a Denby Park resident was found in Chesapeake.

3. Recap from the April 11 meeting

ACM Marcus Jones discussed last months meeting and provided a handout on the 90 day Rolling Plan.

Frank Duke introduced Ray Ransom, who will serve as the Neighborhood Development Specialist providing staff support for Greater Wards Corner. Dr. Whibley requested that future agendas delineate more details on the items that are on recap.

4. Norfolk Collegiate Arts Center

Mr. William King, Head Master of Norfolk Collegiate, introduced his successor Mr. Scott Kennedy who will assume his role in June 2008. Mr.

King provided an update on the future arts center for Norfolk Collegiate. The addition will be adjacent to the building on Granby Street. The facility will have a 450 seat auditorium, art studio, and area for media courses. Facility will be available for public use. Construction is scheduled to begin in 2010 with an 18 month build out period. The project value is estimated at \$8 million. Norfolk Collegiate has plans to raise an additional \$10 million for an endowment.

5. Public Works

- John Keifer gave a presentation on past, current and future infrastructure projects in Greater Wards Corner. There were discussions on crosswalks, the resurfacing program, ADA ramps/sidewalks, an upcoming change in the street sweeping program, street light upgrades, transportation projects, storm water, and utility projects.

6. Economic Development

Chuck Rigney gave a brief update on the development projects for Greater Wards Corner. He will provide a full report at the June 2008 Task Force meeting.

7. Topics of Discussion for the June 12, 2008 Meeting

- Breakdown of Funds for Greater Wards Corner
- Memorandum of Understanding (MOU) with NRHA for Special Service Area
- Status of Alexis Apartments

Next Meeting: June 12, 2008