



Ghent Neighborhood League

Wednesday, September 15th 6:30PM
Zoom Virtual Meeting

I. Call to order and introductions at 6:30 PM

II. Guest Speakers

- **Safety Report** – Community Resource Officer Samantha Fentress
- **Colley Avenue Parking Updates** – John Stevenson, Sr. Design and Construction Project Manager, City of Norfolk
- **Hurricane Preparedness** – Jim Redick, Director of Emergency Preparedness & Response, City of Norfolk

III. Committee Reports

IV. Upcoming Member Meetings

- October – Private tour of the Chrysler! [Click Here to Sign Up.](#)

V. Approval of Minutes

VI. New Business/Announcements

Next Meeting: Next meeting is October 20th at 6:30PM at the Chrysler Museum

News You Can Use

- NFK Currents Email Newsletter has a great summary of local news and events. [Click here for the latest issue](#) and to subscribe.
- [Check out DNC's Fast Facts](#) for a listing of events occurring in downtown throughout the summer.
- The City of Norfolk has launched a [new flood risk tool](#).
- [Interested in history of various Norfolk historic properties? Check our Lawrence Morton's map of insights.](#)
- Any issue with trash, neighborhood nuisances, or any city service should be reported to Norfolk Cares using one of the below channels.
 - [Request a Service using MyNorfolk website \(mynorfolk.org\) or app](#)
 - Call 757-664-6510

GHENT NEIGHBORHOOD LEAGUE MEETING MINUTES
Wednesday, July 21, 2021

Call to order and introductions

The meeting was called to order by Jeremy McGee promptly at 6:30 p.m.

Board members present: Jeremy McGee , Jean Webster, JR Montalvo, Tim Dorsey, Larry Brett, Bob Kelly, Julie Findlay, Nat McCormick, Paige Rose

Absent: Stan Howard, Tommy Leeman

I. Safety Report - Community Resources Officer (CRO) Samantha Fentress

The GNL's NPD Community Relations Officer, Samantha Fentress, presented the status of crime activity in Ghent. General comments included:

15 window smashings in last few months. Most had purses and gym bags visible from the outsider.
Clean your cars Out!

Commercial burglaries: one at bike shop in Colley (one apprehended); one robbery at 1500 block Colley Ave (two homeless gents; victim did not prosecute); robberies at both 7-11 stores (1713 Colley and 1115 Colonial).

Residential burglary (one in custody, also being held for a West Ghent burglary).

Suspicious fires in West Ghent - someone arrested – ongoing investigation

II. Bylaws Amendment

Tim Dorsey proposed that the last sentence of Article III, Section 1 of the proposed Bylaws be deleted as it is no longer needed in light of recent changes to the Articles of Incorporation. He also proposed that all references to the "Standing Rules" be deleted as superfluous. He then moved that the Bylaws be approved with those changes.

Bob Kelly seconded the motion, and the Bylaws changes were approved by unanimous vote of the members present.

III. Guest Speakers:

Norfolk Candidates, November 2, 2021 General Election:

- **Adam Goldberg**, Commissioner of the Revenue Candidate
- **Nicole Sanders**, Commissioner of the Revenue Candidate

- **Blythe A Scott**, Norfolk Commissioner of the Revenue

Community Representatives

- **Norfolk Sheriff** – Sheriff Joseph P. Baron
- **Bruce Dalcher**, GNL Member - Hague Goose Problem

Provided a general overview of the problems associated with Canadian Geese, primarily feces; outlined some recommendations for arresting the problems, but did not promote any particular course of action that directly confronts the birds. Humans feeding the geese seem to be one of the biggest problems. Bruce suggested that educational flyers advising of the problem associated with the geese be distributed, particularly advising that feeding such birds is against the law.

Jason Edelman suggested that a targeted approach to the issue is needed; Paige Rose provided input from the Botanical Gardens was that rocks are helpful, natural barriers to geese.

IV. Committee Reports

- Board Retreat – Jeremy McGee provided the members with a summary of the Board Retreat held on June 28, 2021, to include:
 - Committee assignments

V. Upcoming Member Meetings

- August Break – No meeting
- August 18, 6:30 p.m. social – details TBD
- September 15, 6:30 p.m. – Meeting plus private tour of the Chrysler! Please go to the GNL website to sign up.

VI. Approval of Minutes

Minutes of June 16, 2021 meeting Approved by voice vote.

VII. New Business/Announcements

Julie Findlay solicited ideas for locations for future meetings. Suggestions already include the Chrysler Museum, Christ & St. Luke's and EVMS.

Next Meeting: Next meeting is September 15th at 6:30PM at the Chrysler Museum
The meeting adjourned at 7:35 p.m.