



Broad Creek Civic League, Inc.  
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Broad Creek Civic League Meeting Minutes  
Monday, May 8, 2023

The regular meeting of the Broad Creek Civic League was held at the Jordan-Newby Anchor Branch Library at Broad Creek on Monday, May 8, 2023, at 6:30 pm.

**Welcome/Prayer:**

The meeting was called to order and started with a prayer offered by Stella Council at 6:37pm.

**Minutes:**

Anja Serby-Wilkens read the minutes of the April meeting. The minutes were approved without any corrections.

**Financial Report:**

In the absence of Cynthia Saunders, Stella Council reported a balance of \$657.27.

**Norfolk Police Department:**

Officer Joseph Brown was unable to attend but submitted the following crime stats for April, reported by Stella Council:

- 1 stolen auto (no info, vehicle was recovered)
- 1 larceny of parts from auto (license plate)
- 2 larcenies from autos (both unlocked)

**Guest Speakers: Patricia Kendalls, Branch Manager, NPL Adult Programs Coordinator**

- "A Taste of Summer" open house at Jordan-Newby for all civic leagues (serving 7 in the area) on Thursday, May 25 from 6:30-8:30 pm with different activities and food experiences, as well as the introduction of new services (Memory Lab, TeleHealth) (see attachment)
- Open to ideas from the community for future activities

**Guest Speaker: Detective Jennifer Baron, Norfolk Family Justice Center**

- Has been with NPD for over 17 years, now in Special Crimes Unit
- Virginia has only one NFJC – located in Norfolk, open Mon-Fri 8:00 am – 4:00 pm
- NFJC is a safe place for victims, providing multiple agency services under one roof
- In conjunction with NFJC, Camp Hope is a one-of-a-kind camp that's all over the country. There's only one in Virginia, which is in Norfolk. Camp Hope is a one-week camp for children, where kids get to talk about feelings. They experience that they're not alone in their feelings and can overcome challenges. Many kids are referred to Camp Hope from NFJC.

**Guest Speaker: Councilman John E. "JP" Paige (Ward 4)**

- Had no idea Ward 4 was part of BCCL
- Wants to make himself available to his voters
- Offered to show up at our meetings from time to time (asked for sufficient lead time)
- Offered his help with any issues (send him an email at [john.paige@norfolk.gov](mailto:john.paige@norfolk.gov))

- Outlined what parts of the city encompass Ward 4
- Planted idea of BCCL strategic plan for 2050
- Usually asks civic league presidents for their top five issues and concerns within the civic league's community before every budget year planning meeting

**Old Business:**

Community Yard Sale on Saturday, May 20, 2023, was moved to SECEP School at 2861 E. Princess Anne Road from 10:00 am to 2:00 pm. Flyers were handed out (see attachment).

**New Business:**

Ola Goss announced that the Friends of Booker T. Washington are hosting a fundraiser on June 3 from 6:00 – 9:00 pm. Tickets are \$45.

Stella Council made attendees aware that Del. Jackie Hope Glass' YouTube video on redistricting can be found at <https://www.youtube.com/watch?v=SvcSJR2af7k>

**Reminders:**

Stella Council emphasized that we also need to attend school board meetings, not only civic league meetings.

Cynthia Jewell reminded attendees to read the emails that Stella Council forwards (incl. attachments), as they're not only informational but often contain important notices that pertain to our neighborhood or city.

**Next Meeting:**

June 12, 2023, at the Jordan-Newby Anchor Branch Library at Broad Creek (this will be a planning meeting). Angelia Williams Graves will be attending. Come prepared with questions.

A request was made for Mamie Johnson to attend the June meeting.

**Adjournment:**

The meeting was closed with a prayer by Marcia Murphy and adjourned by Stella Council at 7:54 pm.