

Minutes of the June 4, 2008 Langley Research & Development Park Business Association Meeting

Submitted by Brian Wachter

Attendees:

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	Development	
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	Company, Inc.	
Lt. Thomas F. Killilea	Hampton Police Division	jyork@hampton.gov
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Old Business:

- 1. **Approval of Minutes**: The minutes from the May 14, 2008 meeting of the LR&DBPA were reviewed and approved without changes.
- 2. **Business Park Security Concerns:** Lt. Thomas F. Killilea from the Hampton Police Division attended the meeting to address security concerns raised by business park businesses. The following are highlights of the discussion:
 - Lt. Killilea reported that in the past 6 months there have been 4 accidents at the intersection of Magruder Blvd and Floyd Thompson Parkway and that 33 summons were issued to drivers for various driving infractions in the Magruder corridor.
 - Lt. Killilea remarked that these numbers were statistically low in comparison to other areas within Hampton, though this is not intended to minimize the importance of the individual incidents in any way.
 - Lt. Killilea also remarked that it is important for the Police to understand the urgency
 of reported issues so that the limited Division resources can be appropriately
 dispatched to the incidents of highest concern.
 - Lt. Killilea reported that police patrols have been stepped up in the business park and this section of Magruder Blvd in response to requests and incident reports.
 - Lt. Killilea emphasized that there are enhanced penalties for driving citations in construction zones, which is particularly relevant given the current road construction on Magruder related to the replacement of the Commander Shepard overpass.
 - Lt. Killilea provided a definition of three terms (robberies, burglaries, and larcenies),
 which people sometimes confuse and inappropriately apply when reporting incidents.
 A simple way to differentiate these is to remember that Robberies are acts on a
 person, Burglaries are acts on a business or home, and Larcenies are acts on a
 container.
 - Lt. Killilea announced that a security survey can be requested by businesses in the
 park. This is a free service provided by the Hampton Police Division whereby an
 officer will visit the business and make an assessment and recommendations for
 improving security at the site.
 - Discussion was held regarding the continued drag racing, off-roading and loitering in the business park. Von Gilbreath will investigate the potential to have "No Trespassing" signs posted on the IDA properties in the park.
 - The number to call for non-emergency police matters is 727-6111.



- 3. **Business Park Traffic Concerns:** Von will contact City of Hampton Transportation Engineer, John Yorks, regarding the following items:
 - Extending the time of the green light on Floyd Thompson for a left turn out of the business park during the 4-6pm timeframe. Some attendees speculated that this may have already been done.
 - Placement of some type of alert south of the intersection in the northbound lane to make people aware of the traffic signal. Possibilities include "signal ahead" signage, strobe in the traffic signal, or rumble strips (like at toll booths) approaching the intersection.
- 4. **Signage & Membership Dues:** Carol provided a list of companies who have not yet paid their signage/membership dues. It was agreed that a deadline of June 30, 2008 would be set for receipt of delinquent dues and that failure to do so will result in the forfeiture of the company's directory signage slot. Brian will draft a letter for emailing to the delinquent companies so that payment can be made.
- 5. **Association Web Site:** A meeting to include Von Gilbreath, Brian Wachter and VECTEC representatives will be held at the VECTEC offices at CNU on Thursday, June 5th to sign the contract and discuss the next steps in the development of the Association web site.

New Business:

1. **Announcement**. There will be a meeting held on June 17, 2008 (details to be inserted) during which the City Manager will present an official report to the Hampton Industrial Development Authority (IDA).

The next meeting of the Langley Research & Development Park Business Association will be July 9, 2008 @ 11:30 a.m. at Science & Technology, 10 Basil Sawyer Drive.