

Minutes of the September 19, 2012 Langley Research & Development Park Business Association Regular Meeting

Submitted by Brian Wachter

Attendees:

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Jeff Manning	STC Catalysts, Inc.	manning@stcnet.com
Jeffrey Fykes	Hampton Roads Transit	jfykes@hrtransit.org

OLD Business:

- 1. **Minutes**: The minutes of the July 18, 2012 Regular Meeting were reviewed and accepted as submitted.
- 2. **Road Work**: Attendees raised the topic of the road work being conducted to extend Commander Shepard Blvd westward to connect to Big Bethel. George Makowiec mentioned that the VDOT team working on the project is resident in his building. Ellen Templeton of the City of Hampton said she will check the status and report back at the next meeting.
- 3. **Membership Billing**: Brian Wachter reported that the mailing of invoices for 2012 membership dues is nearly complete and will go in the mail on September 20th.
- 4. **Storm Drainage**: The topic of flooding in the park was raised. It seems that the ditches have been getting cut, but that with extremely heavy rain, there are still areas of standing water in the park. It was noted that Eagle Aviation seems to have regular flooding of their parking lot. Ellen Templeton is going to look further into this.

NEW Business:

- 1. **Guest Speaker**: Commuter Transportation Coordinator with Hampton Roads Transit, Jeff Fykes, and his colleague presented information about transportation options available to employers/employees/individuals in Hampton Roads. The Commuter Guide and brochures covering various programs such as the NuRide Reward Program and GoPass365 were provided to the group. Electronic versions of these documents will be made available to park businesses via email and the Association web site. The issue of traffic backups onto the intersection of Magruder and Commander Shepard due to the location of the bus stop near McDonalds was raised and the recommendation was to submit either individual or collective feedback to HRT customer service via the web site.
- 2. Animals in the Park: The question was posed about whether or not the City of Hampton provides any sort of spraying for mosquitos. Ellen Templeton said she will look into it, but doubted that there was a City-provided program to address this issue. George Makowiec

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mentioned that there has been a problem with stray cats in the park and that approximately a dozen stray cats have been trapped and removed by the City over the past several months.

- 3. **Reimbursement**: Brian Wachter submitted receipts for postage stamps (\$18) for the annual membership mailing, and the gift certificate (\$100) that was purchased in recognition of Chand Deepak's many years of contribution to the Association which was presented to him earlier this year following the departure of SCT from the park. A check was written to Brian in the amount of \$118 for reimbursement.
- 4. **Changes in the Park**: Below are some known changes in and around the business park.
 - Ellen Templeton reported that Bridgeport Academy is closed due to lack of funding. Other academic-related functions are being considered for the building, though nothing is definite yet.
 - Cooks Moving has moved out of the park and Coleman American Moving Services has moved into their location.
 - Remarque Manufacturing Corp has either moved out of the park or is no longer in business. Proton Systems is now in their location at 35 Research Drive.
 - Applied EM has moved out of 144 Research Drive and has relocated to the Hampton Roads Center North Campus.
- 5. **Next Meeting**: The next meeting is scheduled for Wednesday, November 28, 2012 at 11:30am at Vigyan.