

Downtown Construction Roundtable
Monday, May 18, 2009 4:00 p.m.

Bob Batcher, City of Norfolk, gave welcome and opening remarks:

- Next Stay & Play this Wed. at Scotty Quixx
- A few points raised about the Charlotte/Granby meeting
 - Charles Cooper thinks revisiting table tents would be beneficial
 - Omar Boukhriiss says that may be tacky in some restaurants and wants to use check cards
 - Cathy Coleman will re-visit table tents, offer to restaurants that want them

Department of Utilities provided update:

- Going well in Freemason
- Tuesday there was an unexpected water main break
 - Have temporary water main servicing Freemason for about 2 to 3 weeks
- Paving still needs completed on Yarmouth
- Brambleton Avenue still has about 6 weeks of work

Heather Stein, Hampton Roads Transit, provided update:

- There will be 3-4 day closure when pipe work is don't across York/Botetourt intersection
 - Omar Boukhriiss thought work would have been done when street was closed previously
 - John Sires reported power outages in that area over weekend
 - Machismo owner stated that he would like the city to explore the option of having 15 minute parking along Botetourt so that his customers could park, maybe 6 or 7 spaces. Provided pictures of area.
 - Don Lint responded, said he along with city transportation division will look into this if that's what the business community wants
 - Freemason Civic league supports this decision
 - Freeda took the pictures with her
- Fence was placed around the perimeter of the Kirn Memorial Library to prepare for demo.

Freeda Burns, City of Norfolk, provided update:

- HRSD pump station near Atlantic street another 5 weeks of work
- Bank street will open up before City Hall work begins
- Monticello Ave/Freemason Street intersection will re-open sometime this week for 2 way traffic
- Bob Batcher asked room if people in that area had any problems, all responded with good comments, deliveries going well, etc.
- June 2nd-June 28th close Charlotte/Granby intersection for manhole work
- No parking in front of 456 Fish, Sirennas, and Baxter's
- Will be working around the clock
- Turn around zone in front of Fahrenheit

Next Meeting: June 1, 2009

Meeting adjourned at 5:27pm
Next Meeting will be held on Monday May 11, 2009