

You Spoke. We listened.

Let's partner to preserve our values!

Organization: Buckroe Civic Association

Meeting Date: April 12, 2011
in Attendance: 17

- Buckroe would like to see community center.
 - City recognizes Buckroe needs a school and community center but is waiting for assessed values to increase.
- The city has done a great job in Buckroe and doesn't get credit.
- Glad to see projects taking place and want to see more.
- Is there any consideration given to combining services like waste management, arts and libraries with Newport News.
 - Combining efforts may be a conversation in the future. Expenditures and staffing are very different. Hampton stills has a higher customer satisfaction rate. Animal Control and Sheltering is another consideration.
 - One last caution is that one of the complaints citizens voice against some regional services is they don't get the same customer service and the City does not want to lose that connectedness to its citizens.
- What about the beautiful Teen Center?
 - We want activities for teens actively engaged in community.
 - We need to evaluate in next year and get attendance up. May involve conversation with Sentara.
- We have a 6% drop in population?
 - No, when census was done LAFB was over counted. City questioned census and we only lost 1% of population.
- What is projection of population for next 10 years?
 - We think we are doing the rights things. We still need to focus on schools. The two new schools have increased student enrollment.
 - Have lost residents due to lack of upper end housing, we need to build the right mix of housing stock, putting together pieces of the puzzle.
- What percentage of budget involves legacy costs?
 - Hampton has continually funded retirement funds. We have a study done every two years. VRS funded by different pools but Hampton is singularity rated. Private sector goes by defined contribution. Localities have no option to vary, but the state is looking into it. We may need to look at changing this funding for new hires, but existing employees retirement would remain the same. Hampton has grandfather status plan and we have to look long term in what is best.
- Are we in a better position that Newport News as far as retirement funding?
 - Yes
- With Fort Monroe we need to look at Hampton differently and needs to be a destination not a pass through.
 - Agree 100%. We have a great responsibility for heritage tourism. We want those of you that have a great passion for this to work with us. We want to tell not only the city history but the nation history as well.
- Is City interested in purchasing property in Buckroe that is vacated by potential investors?
 - We can not make comments until formal announcements are made regarding these investments.
- We support master plans and want communication with City of Hampton.
 - We want to be proactive and invite you to contact us. We want that and value communication as well.

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