

Lafayette-Winona Civic League

Meeting Minutes

May 19, 2026

President Bryan Cornell called the meeting to order at 7:00 PM at Church of the Epiphany.

Approval of Minutes

The minutes from the April 2026 meeting were approved as presented.

Public Safety Report

Officer Tomco reported a vehicle break-in on the 1700 block of Bellevue Avenue. Residents were reminded to secure their vehicles and avoid leaving valuables in plain sight.

Committee Reports

Social Committee

Rebecca Shultz reminded residents to subscribe to the Lafayette-Winona Civic League newsletter at **LWCL.net/subscribe**. Residents who have previously subscribed but are not receiving the newsletter were encouraged to resubscribe, as several email addresses have been identified as undeliverable due to possible typographical errors.

Events Committee

Amanda Pine reported that the Events Committee is planning a late-summer community gathering that will serve as both an end-of-summer celebration and an opportunity for residents to meet and connect with Civic League leadership.

Amanda also reported that the Spring Plant Sale was a tremendous success, raising slightly more than \$1,000 for the Civic League. Thanks were extended to all volunteers and community members who helped make the event possible.

Dog Park Committee

Susan Jones reported that improvements to the dog agility equipment at the Lafayette-Winona Dog Park have been completed. Special thanks were extended to Doug Arnold, who generously volunteered his time and effort to repair and update the equipment for the benefit of park users and their pets.

Election Results

Election results for the 2026–2027 Civic League Board were announced as follows:

- President: Kelsey Backe
- Vice President: Amanda Pine
- Secretary: Rebecca Shultz
- Treasurer: Margaret Gemski
- Member-at-Large: Doug Arnold

Congratulations were extended to the newly elected officers. Their terms will begin with the start of the 2026–2027 Civic League year.

Guest Speaker

Ricky Mathews, Disaster Planner for the City of Norfolk, presented information on hurricane preparedness and the upcoming 2026 hurricane season.

Mr. Mathews discussed hurricane forecasting, emergency preparedness planning, evacuation considerations, and the importance of assembling emergency supply kits before a storm threatens the area. He encouraged residents to familiarize themselves with local evacuation zones, maintain emergency communication plans, and prepare early rather than waiting until a storm is approaching.

Residents had the opportunity to ask questions and discuss preparedness concerns specific to Norfolk and the Lafayette-Winona neighborhood.

Good for the Order

Nothing was brought up

Adjournment

There being no further business, the meeting was adjourned at approximately 8:00 PM.