

East Ocean View Civic League
Minutes of meeting held December 6, 2012

The meeting was called to order at 7:00 p.m. by John Greene, President.

Treasurer's Report was given by Jeffrey Lewis:

Total Assets	\$2,560.57
Total Liabilities and Equity	\$2,560.57
Net Income	-\$162.16

The main expenditure was \$200 for the REC Center program (see below). A detailed financial statement is available on request of John Greene, President.

Police Report

Officers Folscher and Snyder were in attendance. Officer Folscher reported that crime spikes during the holidays so be aware of your surroundings while shopping. Protect yourself and call the police to report any suspicious activity. Shopping Centers have extra police present during the holidays. Larcenies from autos are also up at this time of year so don't leave things in your car.

There is a special event at East Beach on 9 December from 4:30 – 7:30 p.m. with some street closings. There are many scheduled events, including carolers and Santa making an appearance.

Election of Civic League Officers

Willie Smith chaired the Nominations Committee, whose members included Rooney Rosmer and John Prewitt, and presented the slate of officers for the coming year: President John Greene; Vice President, Bill Kerry; Treasurer, Jeff Lewis; Secretary, Ann Freeman; and Board Members John Hadfield, Rodney Hammons, and Amanda Skupin were all renominated for second terms. There were no other nominations from the floor so there was a motion from the floor, seconded and approved unanimously. The officers will be sworn in at the January 3rd meeting by Councilman Tommy Smigiel.

Speaker, Helen Sommer, Director, Habitat For Humanity for South Hampton Roads

Ms. Sommer, along with Jim Bergdoll, reported on the Habitat projects that were completed in the Willoughby area, and will be occurring in East Ocean View. The Willoughby project was twin homes designed to look like houses from our past era. Habitat purchased the property on 15th Bay Street where the owner demolished the property at his expense. Habitat is aiming for two detached homes, and has two families very interested in moving here. They want to break ground by January 2013 and are seeking volunteers, especially skilled tradesmen, to help them build this project. Additionally, Ms. Sommer encouraged the use of their thrift stores and, if anyone has materials to donate, they will pick them up. Please call 640-0590.

Guest Speaker, David Speer, Civil Engineer, City of Norfolk, Department of Utilities

Mr. Speer updated the group since his last visit on the progress of the pump station construction at the corner of Shore Drive and Pretty Lake Avenue. The present pump is operating on a stand-by pump and they are working on replacing the sanitary sewer pipe line system. Eventually there will be a city-wide replacement system. MidEastern Builders of Chesapeake, VA, won the bid for the project, which is scheduled to begin after the first of the year and take about a year to complete. There will be onsite City supervision--Thomas King, Construction Inspector (813-5450) and Michael Gilliken, General Maintenance Supervisor, who will be charged with ensuring this project is being handled well. There will be a mailing from the City to home owners in the area and in East Beach advising them of what is happening as this project moves to completion.

Old Business

John Greene and the other area Civic Leagues were asked by Councilman Smigiel to review PlaNorfolk 2030 which was presented to us in November and give input as the City goes forward with this plan. President Greene listed 6 priorities to be considered for our area that include attention to the flooding issues; infrastructure improvements; density controls; increased business development; completion of Bay Oaks Park; and a marketing strategy for our beach front. It was noted that PlaNorfolk 2030 is unfunded at this point in time, and Council will approve all, parts or none of it at a later date.

New Business

Jacqui Johnson, Rec Center Director, mentioned their *Cookies with Santa* event that is taking place Saturday, December 8th from Noon to 2PM. Children up to the age of eleven will have a party with hot chocolate and cookies and each child will be given a gift. The Civic League contributed \$200 towards this event and also 'passed the hat' to cover expenses (NOTE: \$176 was collected!). Jacqui was very grateful for everyone's support for all their activities. This may be the only gift these children receive during this holiday season.

It's *Newsletter* time again and Ann Bolen will gratefully receive articles from the membership to be included in the publication. PostNet publishes our newsletter for us.

Marc Hoecker of Norfolk Southern was very pleased to announce that Amtrak will be operating from Harbor Park, beginning 12 December, with a train leaving here at 4:50AM and heading to Richmond, DC and points north. The early departure is to get military and business personnel to DC in time for meetings. The Inaugural Event will be held at Harbor Park on Dec. 11th from 2:30pm to 7:30PM. Cost one way to DC is \$19. One may still leave from Newport News to take trains at different times. The train is comfortable, easy, and provides WiFi service.

A motion was made, and the meeting adjourned at 8:30 p.m. Members stayed and enjoyed refreshments and camaraderie.

Submitted by,

Ann M. Freeman, Secretary