

East Ocean View Civic League
Minutes of meeting held May 3, 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	\$3208.67
Total Liabilities and Equity	\$3208.67
Net Income	\$-292.28

A detailed statement is available on request of John Greene, President

Police Report

Officer Snyder reported that the crime stats for our area are good and that violent crime rates continue to be down.

A major bicycle event is scheduled for May 27th for which over 300 have registered. The event will be paced by the Norfolk Police Bicycle Patrol, occurs at 5pm in the evening and ends with a free concert. Register on the City web site.

Questions from the floor concerned kids hanging out on the streets now that the weather is good. We are told to call it in and it may take a couple of calls but police will get a handle on it. Summer bike patrol officers will also be out on the streets soon. The Beach Patrol is already working, and the "leash law" is in effect so be aware. The first offense one will get a warning and then a ticket.

Speaker: Ms. Jillian Nolan, The Virginian-Pilot

Ms. Nolan covers City Hall. She is on twitter and Facebook. Her column appears mainly in the Sunday "Compass," but also appears elsewhere in the Pilot. Contact her if you have items you want explored.

Speaker, David Speer, Civil Engineer, City of Norfolk

Mr. Speer has been with the City of Norfolk since the 1980s and works on water and sewage projects. The City is working with the State to upgrade and replace pump stations in the area. His project that affects our area is Pump Station #88, which is a stationary sewer pump that needs upgrading, and will be built close to the existing station, but taking care to protect the environment and meet the concerns of the nearby home-owners (Mr. Speer will be onsite almost daily). The design phase is complete and will be put up for bids soon, with construction beginning fall '12 for approximately a year.

A question from the floor concerned a pump, with a backhoe on the property, on the corner of 7th Bay and Pretty Lake where no work appears to have been done in two months. Mr. Speer assured the member he will look into it.

Old Business

The final By-Laws document was submitted to the membership last month and the new parts read aloud. The new by-laws expand membership to renters and business owners; clarify payment of dues; and eliminate the Executive Committee of the Board. There was a concern from the floor that the duties of the Standing Committees were not delineated and President Greene assured the membership that these duties will be offered as an addendum. A motion to accept the new by-laws was made and carried.

An issue was also raised about how the membership can support or deny endorsements to projects in the area (new building projects, restaurants, businesses, e.g.). In general, this will be handled according to "Roberts Rules of Order, but it will also be brought under discussion and advisement by the BOD.

Joanne Merinar, Bon Secours Healthy Communities, addressed the members on the Farmers Market proposed to operate Saturdays from May 29th through the summer, from 9AM to 1PM, in East Beach Shoppes parking lot near Mona Lisa's pizza. She is looking, first, for community commitment (which was received), and for volunteers, who will receive training, to work in shifts to set up, sell, break down, every Saturday or whenever one is available. They plan to start small and grow.

Last, Tommy Smigiel's effort to form an EOV Coordinating Committee, an advocacy partnership among Civic Leagues and community leaders in EOV, is moving forward.

New Business

Amanda Skuppin reported on the Community Survey that she and Deborah Lutz put together and administered. Respondents like affordable housing, diversity, and a multicultural environment; and were concerned with crime, garbage in streets, and prostitution. It was felt that the area is improving. Amanda reported that the survey questions will be reworked for the next time.

Code violations. The best way to get results from the City is to call Norfolk Cares with your concerns: 664-6510. There is also a form to report complaints on the City web site. You *do* get a response!

The Multicultural Day was postponed due to weather to Sept. 16th, with a raindate of Sept. 30 in Bay Oaks Park.

Clean-up EOV Day is Sat., May 26th. Bill Kerry is in charge.

Clean the Bay Day is June 5th.

Paul Hirschbiel, Democratic candidate for U.S. Congress, will be our featured speaker in June.

Our newsletter is available on line. eovcl@eovcl.org Check out all the other information on the site.

A motion was made, and the meeting adjourned at 8:30 p.m.

Submitted by,

Ann M. Freeman, Secretary