

East Ocean View Civic League  
Minutes of meeting held Nov. 1, 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	\$2,722.46
Total Liabilities and Equity	\$2,722.46
Net Income	\$404.35-

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

### **Police Report**

Officer Snyder was unable to attend as he was at the Cottage Line Civic League meeting but reported to John Greene, President, that crime stats are steady and crimes are mostly thefts from automobiles. He urges that we keep our vehicles locked.

There is a 9<sup>th</sup> Bay Block Party in the works.

There is also a 5K run being scheduled for the Spring. Bon Secours will sponsor.

### **Speaker, Mr. Jeff Raliski, Manager of Transportation and Long Range Planning for the City of Norfolk**

Mr. Raliski brought the draft copy of PlaNorfolk 2030 to our meeting, which is a hundred page document that delineates the broad range plans for the future of the City of Norfolk. The City Council ordered this study, as one had not been done since 1992. It is a general plan intended to inform the City of what is needed city-wide and is being presented to the citizens and government of Norfolk for formal review, discussion and adoption. The Planning Commission receives the final draft on Dec. 13, 2012. It then goes to the City Council at the beginning of 2013 for final approval.

There is only one page dedicated to East Ocean View but Mr. Raliski assured the membership that one can go to different sections of this plan to identify the specific concern its proposed solution. It is *not* a budget, nor funded at this time. Mr. Raliski also stated that plans are meant to be amended and some items may need to be adjusted, thus the reason for the review.

### **Guest Speaker, Officer Ari Williams of the Neighborhood Watch Program**

Officer Williams is a Crime Prevention Officer who was invited to speak to us by our *Neighbors Helping Neighbors Committee* to promote our becoming part of the Neighborhood Watch Program. Officer Williams stated that statistics prove that crime definitely goes down in neighborhoods that participate in this program. The benefits of this program include: deterring criminal activity and building bonds among neighbors. The program's goal is remove the opportunity to commit crime from the equation.

Officer Williams outlined how the program runs and agreed that, because of the size of EOVS, our Civic League would need multiple neighborhood groups. A sign-up sheet was passed around for members

who would agree to be neighborhood leaders. Membership seemed to be very favorable to this proposal.

### **Old Business**

Jim Casey has been appointed to our Board of Directors to fill a vacancy left by Pam Todesco. He will serve out the existing term through 2013 and can be elected then for another term.

Please pick up our latest newsletter. It is very well done and we give a big thanks to Ann Bolen. Please consider giving Ann some help.

Our website has been overhauled and improved. Please check it out at [LivingEOV.com](http://LivingEOV.com)

Our membership social last month at the Ships Cabin Restaurant was a success even though we had stiff competition from *Home-A-Rama* and Norfolk Restaurant night. We enrolled several new members and several members rejoined. We will have another event in the Spring. It's a great way to meet socially with those in our area.

Willie Smith chaired the Nomination Committee for Civic League Officers for the year 2013. He was ably assisted by Rooney Rosmer and John Prewitt. The slate they presented were all officers currently serving who have agreed to run again. The election will be held at our meeting in December and only active members may vote. They candidates are: President: John Greene; Vice President: Bill Kerry; Treasurer: Jeff Lewis; and Secretary: Ann Freeman. Directors at Large: Rodney Hammonds; John Hadfield; and Amanda Skupin. Mr. Smith asked for additional nominations from the floor; there were none.

### **New Business**

Pastor Rodney Hammonds reported that *New Life Christian Center* will again sponsor a Thanksgiving Dinner on Thanksgiving Day and asks for help and donations. Their co-sponsors include: *Operation Blessing* and *Bon Secours*. *New Life Christian Center* served 400 people last year. Additionally they are trying to fill 100 Thanksgiving baskets for families in need.

They are also operating a help center from their church for those people in the area who had flood damage from Hurricane Sandy. They ask for clothes and household items. Some of the people in our area had major damage.

Jacqui Johnson of the Rec Center also asked for our help for their annual Thanksgiving dinner which will be held Nov. 15<sup>th</sup> at 6PM at the Rec. Center. They served 200 people last year and need help with cooking, decorating, and serving. Financial donations are always welcome.

Amanda Skupin of the *Neighbors Building Neighborhoods* Committee announced there will be a "Community Conversation" on 13 November from 7:00 – 8:30 p.m. at Lighthouse Community Church.

The final session was a spirited discussion about our views on the closing hours of local restaurants. Councilman Tommy Smigiel has asked his constituents to weigh in, via their Civic Leagues, on what the hours should be. Councilman Smigiel discussed what is in place in the City now and how it is a hodgepodge of closing times as many restaurant hours have been grandfathered by the City. Hours range from weeknights 11PM, Friday and Saturdays Midnight; to weeknights 11PM, Friday and Saturdays 1AM; to open until 2AM all nights.

The members of the Civic League had a spirited debate over these three different operating regulations and the final vote was 17 members for allowing restaurants to stay open until 2AM, all nights, and 11 against.

It should be noted that the City Council makes all final decisions.

NOTE: we have agreed to study adding a Parliamentarian to our Board to help us with Roberts Rules of Order.

A motion was made and the meeting adjourned at 9 p.m.

Submitted by,

Ann M. Freeman, Secretary