

East Ocean View Civic League Agenda
Meeting Minutes
September 6, 2018

Welcome/Opening Remarks (7:00)

I'm Ann Bolen, President of the EOVC Civic League. I'd like to welcome everyone to the September meeting. I hope everyone enjoyed a nice summer. We have a packed agenda and I will do my best to get you all out on time. As we do customarily, if everyone would please rise for the Pledge of Allegiance...

Pledge of Allegiance (7:01)

Continuation of Welcome (7:02)

Thank you. Everyone may be seated.

Treasurer's Report (7:03)

For our treasurer's report, Jeff, will you come up here, please, and give the group a summary of where we stand financially? While Jeff is coming up, I would like to request folks reach out if they have further ideas on supporting the work of the Civic League. Right now we run on dues and advertising. We have supported the after school feeding program here at REC but until the city puts in the commercial kitchen equipment, staff are not allowed to cook meals for the children at REC. For the fall, we can provide fruit and prepackaged snacks and if you are so inclined, drop some off for MS. Dana any day for the kids. Park Ranger Laura Knipp runs the STEM program here at REC mostly through her own pocket. We'd like to add her to our 2019 budget if possible. This summer Maria O'Hearn and Jill McCann raised the needed funds to do a summer reading program here at REC. It was a huge success and something we'd like to also add to our 2019 Budget. Bon Secours supports the Community Garden but that support ends in another 1.5 years. So, I am asking membership to please reach out if you have any fundraising ideas. We are officially a 501c4 which may help.....Now Jeff....

Current balance is \$3492.50. For August we had expenses of 746.25 newsletter and 32.07 for garden lights

Police Report:

(7:05)

Officer Marshall, Thank you for being here. We appreciate all you and the Blue Sector are doing. We look forward to your report.

From last 30 days: 32 total incidents--10 larceny from autos, 5 residential burglaries with 2 arrests made.

Officer reminded residents to be careful with apps like Offer Up as they have had issues with robberies. Residents can conduct transactions at police station locations.

Community Forum meeting September 11 at 2nd Patrol Division at 6:30.

Meeting with leadership on September 13 at 8:30 AM at 2nd Patrol Division (2500 North Military Highway).

Beach patrol is over in September. Dogs are now allowed back on beach.

There were 140 misdemeanor and 27 arrests on the beach this summer.

Questions from members—Officer clarified beaches are always open, but curfew still applies. Sleeping on the beach is not permitted nor are bonfires and fireworks.

Thank you very much. I did request that next month our Resource officers have a presentation on the rules of the road for Golf Carts since many of you are aware City Council passed the rule allowing them on the Bay Streets but NOT to cross OV Ave or Shore Drive.

Old and New Business

(7:15)

1. Tommy Posilero of Mona Lisa's pizza asked to come up and say a few words. Tommy please come up. Tommy was not present for the meeting.
We have a little something for you Tommy to commemorate our partnership these past 15 years.
2. Development Updates:
 - The Tern is moving forward. They hope to break ground in November.
 - The Surfrider has been lifted and they are working on the new foundation. Will reopen as a restaurant with a focus on seafood, tacos and smaller plates with a small banquet facility upstairs.
 - Pinewell station is still in site plan review. They do plan to move the playground equipment from the Senior Center across the street to Community Beach Park and add a basketball court.
 - The Seniors are moving to this REC Center. City has installed new HVAC this summer and is working on remodeling the activity room, entryway, lobby and corridor by end of Oct. Phase 2 will complete bathroom upgrades and commercial kitchen.
 - Bold Mariner Brewing is wrangling with the city on the building due to leaks that were discovered. They hope to open by Christmas- questionable, but it is moving forward.

- Harris Teeter signed a 10 year lease on the building and hope to start a \$3-4M renovation with a Spring 2019 re-opening.
 - Greenies was to close on Sept 5...now the 10th. City is supposed to take possession on Sept 15.
 - City takes possession of OV Diner on Sept 15. The Jet Ski rental behind it is being opened as a life guard station and bathrooms.
 - The roundabout is in planning. Tommy said it is to be placed on 21st Bay Street & OV Ave.
 - The Taylor's Landing property is to close on Sept 10th and the new owner plans to move ahead with the planned 105 apartments and small amount of commercial.
3. Please welcome Erica Keller and JB Drumheller, committee members of the Community Garden. They have some Garden news to share!

Currently seeking volunteers to assist with the garden.

September 29 seeking volunteers for doing a garden cleanup and installing a little library.

Best way to learn about volunteer opportunities and events is to go to the garden Facebook page.

Pumpkin Festival is Saturday, October 6 from 10-2.

Anybody interested in learning about hydroponics should contact the committee through the FB page.

4. OV Advisory Meeting:

- Please look at the website regarding a Community Hospitality Partnership.
- 9th Bay Beach Access work is to start in November and finish in early 2019
- There will be a fall beach grass planting. We will post it on the website and try and give folks plenty of notice.
- Once again they are hoping for Catch the King Tide Volunteers to measure our high tide in November on the highest tide of the year. We will post information on the website but if you participated last year, they may have already reached out to you.
- TFC recycling has given the city a 90-day notice to end their contract with the city. City has an RFP out.
- City hopes to bring the PACE bike program to EOY. The Tern has agreed to be a site for the bikes.
- City looking for volunteers for the OV Beach team. Flier is on the website but you simply agree to "adopt a spot" and give city feedback on how it is doing.
- Monique from the Board attended the Air BnB meeting at Pretlow last week. We will get a summary up on the website for everyone.

Now, without further ado, I'd like to welcome Elaine Luria, Democratic candidate for Congress. I don't have her bio to read you but her ads have been telling you about her service to this country. Elaine, we welcome you and appreciate you coming tonight.

Ms. Luria is 20-year navy veteran, serving as a surface warfare officer, & graduate of the naval academy. She started a small business called Mermaid Factory several years ago and has two locations in Norfolk and VA Beach. She believes her experiences as a small business owner and her time in the military uniquely qualify her to serve as the 2nd district representative.

Ms. Luria's campaign is focused on several issues including affordable healthcare, protecting social security and Medicare, veteran's benefits, sea level rise and flooding particularly as it relates to the navy and the Port of VA, opposition to offshore oil drilling, and the general health of the Chesapeake Bay. She stressed she is not taking any money from corporations or corporate PACS.

Answers to questions from membership:

- Believes federal employees should receive a pay raise as promised and government salaries need to be able to compete with the private sector.
- Favors path to citizenship to DACA dreamers.
- Opposes government shutdowns.
- Addressing the national debt through cutting wasteful spending (for example at DoD) and "restructuring" recent corporate tax cuts.
- In favor of infrastructure spending, including increased spending for resiliency.
- There are two scheduled debates against Scott Taylor---October 23 at Chamber of Commerce in VB and October 30 with Central Business District group in VB. Both are paid, ticketed events.
- She did vote for Scott Taylor in a previous election, but is now disillusioned with his lack of promised bipartisanship.
- She is in favor of a woman's right to determine her own reproductive rights.
- Favors universal background checks for gun purchases, repeal of the Brady Amendment, and limiting access to firearms for people with mental health issues.

Thank you very much, Elaine.

Scott and Susan Bateman are here tonight to tell you about their planned venture called COVA Brewing. We have been asked by the city to hold a vote on their proposal after their presentation.

Presentation / Q&A:

- Location of Pretty Lake and Shore Drive (current Accurate Tune business)
- Working with WPA Architects and Space Makers for property renovations
- Hired a full time brewer
- Space will have interior and exterior patio seating.
- Outside space can be used for community events.
- Hoping to secure property by end of 2018 with summer 2019 opening.
- No food will be served. There will be a small catering kitchen. Food trucks will be permitted.
- 12 parking spots on site with letter of agreement to allow parking at the adjacent shopping center.
- Brewery will close by 10:00 PM.
- Capacity will be 160 patrons.
- Predicted to have 6 employees.
- Will have outdoor band shell for performances.

Thank you Scott and Susan. Now we have been asked to take a vote so I can write a letter to the city on how the community feels about this venture. **The purpose of the city hearing is to allow for a new microbrewery to operate in EOV with limited entertainment options.** We are voting therefore to support the following using just one vote:

1. Rezone property from R-C Residential Coastal and C-C Community-Commercial to Conditional C-C Community Commercial,
2. Conditional Use permit for Production of Craft Beverages and
3. Conditional Use Permit to Live Entertainment.

May I have a show of hands for all in favor of supporting this new venture in our community?

49 in favor, 0 opposed with noted concern of lack of parking and potential traffic at light at Shore Drive and Pretty Lake.

8:20

Meryl Ann Butler of Ocean View Arts is here tonight to tell us about the upcoming 2nd Annual Exhibit.

- Saturday and Sunday Sept 8 & 9, 2018 from 1:00-5:00 PM at 209 West Ocean View Ave. Suite 201.
- Meryl also noted the the OV Business Association's efforts to "spruce up" the community with building murals—the first one was recently completed at Coaster Coffee.

Voter Registration effort

8:25

The Civic League, in our bylaws, says we will promote civic engagement and the Board has agreed to support a Voter Registration effort. Anyone wishing to vote in the November election must be registered by Oct. 12th. Volunteers who are interested in helping are required to take a short on-line course at Vote.Virginia.Gov. We plan to have a table at the REC Center on Tues and Thursday from 4-6pm to assist people in registering to vote. We have also been given permission to set up a table in front of the Dollar Tree store. Please take a flier and see John Hadfield or Ann Freeman if you wish to help out.

Passed motion to adjourn at 8:17 PM.