

## **East Ocean View Civic League**

**June 7, 2018**

### **Welcome/Opening Remarks (7:00)**

I'm Ann Bolen, President of the EOVC Civic League. I'd like to welcome everyone to the June meeting and I am pleased all of you are here. 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. Generous membership donors have helped feed 25 children per month here at the REC center after school each day. The children are fed through the summer REC program, but we will resume our important outreach in September. In addition, 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. Bon Secours supports the Community Garden but that support ends in another 1.5 years. Last month Corey, owner of Little Creek Cross Fit Gym generously stepped up and offered to run fundraisers for the Garden going forward. I'm asking membership to please reach out if you have any ideas. Now Jeff....

- Ann asked for ideas from membership if they have any ideas for funding for the various causes supported by the Civic League—no recommendations were made from the floor
- Garden fundraiser is June 24 sponsored by Little Creek Cross Fit Gym
- Current balance is \$5,008.37
- Income in May--\$75 in dues;
- Expenses in May--\$32.40 for lighting at garden

**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.

- 30 crimes since last meeting.
- Property crime most common
- Several stolen autos that were recovered
- Few residential burglaries
- Please report juveniles out after 11:00 PM for curfew violations
- Question was asked about issues with loud noise / party noise. Officer responded by saying it is difficult to prosecute under current statutes. Nonetheless, still call and officers will respond.

### **Old and New Business**

**(7:15)**

1. Weekly rentals in Norfolk: I spoke with Tommy Smigiel to see if Norfolk had finally passed this initiative and was prepared to give guidance to the public. Tommy responded that the City attorney had drafted the language that only allowed rentals in single family residences (and NOT allowed in carriage houses, which are considered detached accessory units). Andria and Tommy did not agree with this limitation and have asked for further consideration.
2. Street light campaign: There are fliers located in the back. The civic league is sponsoring a community Night Out on JUNE 21<sup>st</sup>. We are asking membership to walk their street or a few streets and note which street lights are out, collect the data on the pole and send it to the Board to compile. I'd like folks to sign up so we don't have duplication of efforts. All the information is on the flier in the back.
3. Clean the Bay day- On June 2 the 30<sup>th</sup> Annual Clean the Bay day was held. In the city of Norfolk, 904 volunteers collected over 8 tons of litter at 43 locations. Our civic league supplied 15 volunteers and we collected 225 pounds of trash. Well done!
4. Basketball Courts- Pastor Rodney let me know that there is a big need for outdoor basketball courts. Development is tearing down the court next to the senior center and also the one at Bay Oaks Park. Darryl Crittenden is working with Rodney to find land that the city owns that can be surfaced for a new court. If you have any good idea of a location for this, please see Pastor Rodney or let me know and I can connect you to him. (Rodney do you have anything further you would like to say?)
  - Pastor Rodney asked membership for suggestions for locations for new courts--no immediate recommendations were made
5. Rec Center improvements- after our May meeting I was informed the REC kitchen was being shut down because it did not meet the city code for a commercial kitchen. Your Board went into action and petitioned the city to install a commercial kitchen here at REC to help

with the children's feeding program. The Senior Center that is being torn down HAS a commercial kitchen and it was suggested that equipment could be moved to REC and incorporate the seniors in the feeding program. I am told that Norfolk will be transforming the REC kitchen as well as providing some needed updates to this building in the coming months.

6. Email list- every month you sign in for the meeting and we are asking that you confirm the email listed next to your name is accurate. We wish to update and insure our email list is good.
7. Pleasant Ave utility project: I received word from Gabriel Phelps that the project along Pleasant Ave is nearly complete. All pipe has been installed and the road repaved. Over the next few weeks the touch-up work will be done and they plan to be off Pleasant Ave by the end of June. Next phase is slated to start July/August and will encompass 19<sup>th</sup> & 20<sup>th</sup> Bay Streets to the South of Pleasant.
8. SubCommittees for September: As everyone knows, many hands make light work. The Board will be meeting this summer to discuss subcommittees to be directed by the At Large Board members. We have many initiatives: Children's feeding program, Garden, Newcomer packets, Codes, annual cleanup, shoreline restoration and Storehouse to name a few and over the summer we will discuss how best to champion these initiatives for the betterment of our community.

#### **Development Updates:**

**(7:20)**

This being the last meeting before the summer break, I thought it would be timely to share with membership all the exciting things that are happening in our community. As David Clarke stated in a meeting, "we have finally reached the tipping point here in East Ocean View". I truly believe that and I think you will enjoy hearing these updates and hopefully quell some of the misinformation that is out there.

1. **Jeff Wells**, will you please come up and share with membership what Dimitri Hionis is doing with the old Surf Rider?
  - Dimitri purchased Ship's Cabin. To this point nothing is happening except for plans to sit with the city and neighbors to determine what would be the best fit.
  - Old Surf Rider space will reopen as a new bar/restaurant with some private dining upstairs. Demolition is underway & construction will begin as soon as permitting is done
  - If residents have suggestions for how either properties could be improved they can contact Jeffrey F. Wells, Architect, at 201-741-7550 or [jfwells@coastaldesigngroup.com](mailto:jfwells@coastaldesigngroup.com)
2. **Trevor Spiers**- will you please come up and share with membership any updates and potential start dates for The Tern?
  - With addition of the commercial property next door the residential unit count has increased from 93 to 96 units.

- Commercial space has increased to 15,000 square feet from 7,500 square feet. Single commercial building on church site will be two stories high capable of accommodating retail and restaurant space.
- All structures will conform to coastal design standards.
- Currently 50% done with site plan. Hoping to break ground in fall 2018 with three-year completion time. Commercial construction will start day one.

3. **David Clarke and Gerry Bunting** will you please come up and share with the community what you can from the [East Beach Neighborhood Economic Development Committee?](#)

- Development of Phase 7 (vacant area along Shore Drive) is being driven by East Beach Co itself instead of waiting for private investment.
- Currently under construction--Vet Clinic, East Beach Sales Office
- Along Shore Drive first floor will be service/retail with 125 apartments on second floor
- Adjacent to Ships Cabin will be multi-story, multifamily building with 54 apartments with design to be eventually converted to condo ownership.
- Buddy Gadams has Bay Point Marina under contract. He also has Little Creek Marina under contract. Signed a contract with a multifamily developer (Bonaventure from Arlington VA) with a proposal to create an age restricted, four story building on the Little Creek Marina property. These will be apartments with no buy in fee geared to independent living. Amenities include full kitchens, on site restaurant, movie theater.
- Zimmer is preparing a project very similar to what Marathon Development proposed on the property around Longboards restaurant. Longboard's will remain. Marina slips will be rented out to the public.
- Cutty Sark property is still for sale.
- Ann Bolen solicited input from membership to see if there is interest in recruiting a developer to build an assisted living & memory care facility to OV. Membership responded positively.

4. Everyone has watched as Bay Oaks Park has been completed and the development headed by NRHA has started to really take shape. I have invited **NRHA** to come tonight and share the final plan and some of the interesting points of the development. John, thank you for coming tonight and please come up to share what the future holds for the 5-7<sup>th</sup> Bay development.

- Construction is underway--infrastructure site work will end by mid summer
- Site will yield 40 single family homes. Twenty sites have been sold with remaining twenty being offered for sale in late summer.
- Hoping to have all new houses built by end of 2019.
- Nine builders were sites in the first round of lot sales.
- Price ranges will be \$350,000 to \$500,000.

5. **Cross Fit at Little Creek**, as I mentioned, has truly become a community partner. Last month they agreed to run fundraisers for the Garden. The first one will be later this month. I asked the manager of the Cross Fit gym, Brandon Higgins to come tonight and share what they offer to the community. My husband Roger has been a client of Brandon's for over a year now and I started with him just over a month ago. Brandon, will you come up?

Our next meeting is September 6. I am still finalizing speakers. Now without further ado, I'd like a motion to adjourn.

**Motion to Adjourn**

**(8:08)**