

East Ocean View Civic League

Minutes of meeting held April 5, 2018 at the East Ocean View Recreation Ctr.

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

Treasurer's Report was given by Jeff Lewis

Total Assets	\$4826.57
Total Liabilities and Equity	\$4826.57

A detailed financial statement is available on request of Ann Bolen, President.

Police Report

Officer Fulcher reported that there were 19 incidents our area. Larceny from vehicles is still our major problem and one vehicles was stolen last month. Please do not turn on your car to warm it up in the morning and go into the house to wait. Also, there were 2 burglaries.

The police and community Basketball game was on March 8th here at the Recreation Center. The neighborhood kids won the game by a buzzer beater!!

National Prescription Drug Take Back Day is Saturday, April 28, 2018 at the Second Precinct, 2500 North Military Highway, from 10 am to 2pm. Drop off your unused or expired medications to protect accidental poisoning, to protect the environment, and to prevent drug abuse.

May 12th the Beach Patrol begins again. The Marine Science Patrols begins then as well. They are addressing dogs on the beach which is a big issue. The bike patrols are in training now

Guest Speaker, School Board Candidate for Ward 5, Chip Broadbent

Arthur "Chip" Broadbent is a candidate for the Ward 5 School Board position. He was a Norfolk Public School Teacher for 30+ years and is endorsed by the Norfolk Federation of Teachers. His issues are the proper compensation of teachers, keeping our children safe, promote career and technical education courses, increase funding for music/arts/gifted/ and special education programs and to properly fund every public school in Norfolk.

Guest Speaker: Dr. Melissa Boone, Superintendent of Schools, Norfolk, Virginia

Dr. Boone was born and raised in Suffolk, received her PhD from William and Mary University and came to Norfolk from being Superintendent of Schools in Worcester, MA two and a half years ago. She also taught in Norfolk for eight years.

Dr. Boone immediately started her presentation with a disclaimer since following Mr. Broadbent, candidate for Norfolk School Board. She is not endorsing any candidate for the School Board position as she has to work with the School Board.

One of her goals is to create stability in the school system again. Norfolk has had a plethora of Superintendents over the past six years and the system needs consistent leadership. In 2009 Norfolk won the Broad Prize and Dr. Boone wants to get back to that standard again.

*"The **Broad Prize for Urban Education** is the largest education award given to [school districts](#) in the U.S. The \$1 million prize is awarded each year to urban school districts that demonstrate the greatest overall performance and improvement in student achievement as well as a reduction in the achievement gap for low-income students and students of color."*

She feels the school system needs retooling, rebuilding, leadership, literacy, rigor, and innovation. She states leadership can craft a vision and make it happen. As far as literacy is concerned, Norfolk has a K-12 reading problem. They are working to develop a strong literacy plan. The SOL scores have moved for the first time in a while. As far as rigor is concerned, she stated that the days of rote learning are over. Curriculum needs to facilitate education. As to Innovation, the school system must push the envelope to make learning more exciting.

The school system is opening a Career and Technology Education (CTE) school in the fall of 2008 in partnership with the Greater Norfolk Corporation and Tidewater Community College. It will be located at Booker T. Washington and will be a blend of academics and career education.

61% of Norfolk Schools are accredited, a 10% increase from 2016-2017. Instructional staff have an average of 10 years experience but the system must work on retaining these teachers and administrators and keep them from moving to neighboring systems that pay more.

A major problem is declining population in Norfolk, due not to flight but more to the City losing 4 Navy carrier groups and a declining birth rate. Neighboring systems are having the same problems and experience the same impact. The system must address 'do we need all the schools we have?' Answer: Middle schools are at excess capacity and elementary schools are at or above capacity.

In the proposed budget the school system has asked for an additional six million dollars for pay and a compensation study. The number of steps on the scale need to be addressed and bottle necks must be dealt with.

One of the goals of the Superintendent and the School Board is to address the support of mixed income PK classrooms. The school system will include Wellness coordinators in schools and GPS on school buses. There is a major budget component in maintaining the facilities. The school system needs Fourteen million dollars a year for maintenance. Schools are getting older and need attention. The school system is the ninth largest employer in the City of Norfolk.

Old and New Business

Our 6th Annual Clean up is scheduled for April 21st. Please come and bring anyone who can help for a few hours as we do a “SWAT” team approach to address the litter and debris that has collected over the past 4 Nor’easters. We meet here at the REC center at 8:30am to sign in and get assigned our specific areas to collect trash. A community picnic will follow at 12:30 in the parking lot hosted by the Civic League. Volunteer certificates are available to anyone who needs service hours.

A Norfolk Summer Reading program will be tested here at the East Ocean View recreation center. We are looking to partner Civic League Members with children who need 1-1 help with reading throughout the summer. If you are interested in learning more, please sign up at the back of the room.

The Police and Community Basketball game was held on March 8th. We heard there was an amazing last shot taken which gave the Community a win. We are working to feature that child on the next cover of the newsletter being produced this month.

The NRHA project at 5-7th Bay will have the formal groundbreaking ceremony on April 25th. All of the available lots have been sold to developers who were in the NRHA Guild.

The Bold Mariner will be opening their second craft brew outlet here in OV this fall. It will be located at OV Ave and Capeview utilizing the Bank of the Commonwealth building.

Socrata Open Data Portal has been officially opened to the public. It is a new data source open to the public to facilitate interdepartmental cooperation and increase transparency and accountability. It is a Norfolk.gov website. Go to: data.norfolk.gov. There are video guides to get you started with the tools that are available and there is also a support page if you need help. This portal allows you to see Norfolk Cares tickets for our civic league area and includes animal control calls, waste management calls, parking tickets & building permits to name a few things. It is free and open to the public.

Clean the Bay Day is June 2nd. Lead once again by Ann Marie Dori, this is another wonderful volunteer project. We will post the information on the website.

We have a new Board Member- Chris Obrey of 8th Bay has agreed to take over the spot vacated by Dave Moore.

Shoreline Restoration Phase 3: the civic league has participated in the construction of the Rain Garden and 75 feet of shoreline restoration to the left of the fishing pier over the past 2 years. We are considering taking on the next phase which will be 75 feet to the right of the Kayak Launch area which is eroding. This project will need the support of membership next spring as it will take 8-9 months to secure all the environmental support as well as apply for some grant money for the project. A vote of support was taken and thank you to the 33 member who agreed to help.

Golf Cart Resolution: Steve Chamberlain has been working with Tommy Smigiel who encouraged him to draft a resolution on the topic of golf carts in the area and see if membership would support golf carts on streets whose speed limit was 25 MPH or less. 49 of the members agreed to support this resolution and it now goes on to Tommy Smigiel and City Council.

Our next meeting will be Thursday, May 3 , 2018 .

Please check our website regularly (www.livingeov.com) for information about our area and what is occurring here.

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

Submitted by,

Ann M. Freeman, Secretary

Note: The Board would like to encourage everyone to vote. Tommy Smigiel is running unopposed but there are two candidates running for the Ward 5 School Board position, Ms. Lauren Campsen and Mr. Chip Broadbent both of whom have spoken at our meetings.