

East Ocean View Civic League

Minutes of meeting held December 7, 2017 at the East Ocean View Recreation Ctr.

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

The members voted for the new Civic League Board for 2018: members of the Board will be Ann Bolen, President; Steve Chamberlain, Vice President; Jeff Lewis, Treasurer; and Ann Freeman, Secretary. Board members at large: Michael Phelps, Juanita Snead, Monique Matuskowitz, and Gerald Bunting. Board officers serve one year terms and will all be up for re-election or replacement. Board members serve two year terms to ensure half the Board continues from year to year. Installation is at the January meeting.

Membership dues for 2018 are due now. Please renew your membership.

Treasurer's Report was given by Jeff Lewis

Total Assets	\$2205.03
Total Liabilities and Equity	\$2205.03

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

Ann Bolen and Jeff Lewis are working on a budget for 2018 and the final budget will be posted on the website. www.livingeov.com We will become a 501C-4

Police Report

Officer Fulcher reported that crime continues to be down in our area since 2016. Larceny from vehicles is still a major problem and Officer Fulcher and associates did a late night stint in the area and made arrests. Bottom line: lock your cars and do not leave valuables in the car. There are a lot of robberies in 7/Eleven stores in the City of late that occur later in the evening. Be aware.

The police will be monitoring shopping centers during the Holiday season. Be aware of your surroundings while in parking lots. Also, be careful of the safety in the delivery of packages. If possible, send to a business address.

Police continue to beef up efforts to take vehicles off the road that are or appear to be abandoned. Officer Fulcher gave his phone number 757-770-2198 and told members to call him directly with pressing problems.

Old and New Business

*As we are as close to the base as any Norfolk civic league, it was discussed at the Board meeting the need to have a Military Liaison for the Civic League. Next summer, Norfolk has

designated 2018 Neighbors Building Neighborhoods Summer of the Veteran. Frank Johnson has agreed to be our representative and will attend the meetings and help us better coordinate with our military and the city

*Update on the Apartment project for land behind the 7/11. EDC put in an offer to buy the land from the city and have come to the civic league, taken our input, and modified their plan from condos to townhouses and carriage homes. The city decided to make the land bid competitive and invited other developers to bid on this property. Most all proposed putting more apartments on the land. EDC was the only one offering 100% ownership as part of their proposal. They also agreed to pay the city the highest price for the land. We are awaiting the results to learn if they were awarded the contract.

*Thanksgiving events at both the Storehouse and REC were huge successes. Thank you to those who volunteered at either event. The REC center served a dinner to 75-80 people and it included collard greens and sweet potatoes from the Children's Garden. The Storehouse had their biggest event ever and served over 300. Both organizations wish to thank the EOVCCL for our support and donations which allowed these events to take place. Pastor Rodney said his group is working on 'Adopt A Child' for Christmas.

*On Dec. 16th the Recreation Center will host cookies with Santa from 11-3pm. There will be crafts, and a spaghetti dinner served. Volunteers are always welcomed as are unwrapped gifts they can distribute to the children.

*Many of you know Alisha Burke. She has had the support of several civic league members as she struggled against obstacles we often only read about. Alisha was recently honored by Teens with a Purpose at their November Gala at the Chrysler Museum. She is a Sophomore at Maury High and made a wonderful speech at the Gala outlining how much she has benefited from TWP and the community that has embraced her. I wanted members of civic league to know she is thriving, still an honor roll student and still in the orchestra. If I can convince her to share her speech, I will post it to our website as I am told there was not a dry eye in the house.

*Newcomer packets- One outreach we as a civic league undertook in 2015 was to hand deliver newcomer packets to homeowners who have purchased homes in EOVC. What started as a small and manageable task grew to a very big job! With over 50 new homebuyers listed in the newsletter each quarter, getting materials, stuffing the packets and delivering them has become a big job. Bon Secours Family Practice on Shore Drive took over stuffing the packets for us in January 2017. Our Codes folks will help us get these delivered in 2018 and I am very grateful.

*City Council has begun taking bus tours of the City. They will tour our area in April.

*The Ocean View Business Association will have an introductory meeting on Thursday, Dec. 14th, at 7:30 am to 9 am at Coastal Coffee at 8418 Tidewater Drive, Norfolk. If you are a business owner, please consider attending.

*Cindi Fisher, a member of our Civic League reported on an event she and her neighbors just participated in and wanted to share with our membership. *"I invited my neighbors and friends for a party each person brings an appetizer and an item that we can auction off at the party to raise money for charity. We are donating the proceeds to Pastor Rodney initiative to buy toys for children in our community."* We applaud Cindi and her efforts to help our neighborhood children.

Guest Speaker, John R. Stevensosn, Senior Transport Program Manager, City of Norfolk

Mr. Stevenson reported on the EOY resurfacing - Road Diet/Bike Lane Project that the City is working on. It is a resurfacing project for 1.6 miles from 19th Bay to Cape View Ave and will cost in the millions. The project will have only two lanes for cars, a center turn lane in the middle and bike lanes on either side. He reports the benefit is to reduce speeding. There will be problems on trash days and when buses stop to take on and or discharge passengers.

Notes:

Thelma Drake reported that there was a celebration at the Train Center on Dec. 12th in celebration of the success of Amtrak.

Our next meeting will be Thursday, January 4 , 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 8:45 p.m.

Submitted by,

Ann M. Freeman, Secretary