

East Ocean View Civic League

Minutes of meeting held February 7, 2019

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

Ann welcomed everyone to a well attended meeting.

Treasurer's Report was given by Jeff Lewis

Total Assets	\$17,155.55
Total Liabilities and Equity	\$17,155.55

The Civic League received \$10,000 from a grant we applied for from the Shoreline Restoration Project which was completed last year. These funds will be used to restore the second part of the project. In addition, there is \$1400.00 on deposit for Gerry Bunting fund.

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

Police Report

Officer Fulcher reported that our area had 36 reported incidents during the December/January period. There were 19 incidents since then so things are looking up. Larceny from vehicles is still our major problem; also there was a home invasion and three arrests as a result. There have been five burglaries, a rape (victim knew her attacker), and a street robbery.

Officer Fulcher said the police are working with the Seniors Community in our area. This month they talked to them about Personal Safety.

Officer Fulcher reported that Coach Dwight was preparing his basketball team for their annual game, *Cops with Kids*, on February 28th. Please come out and enjoy this event. It is a great community builder.

For those interested, the Second Precinct is hosting a Community Forum on February 12th at 6:30pm.

Guest Speaker: Lauren Cook

Ms. Cook is an advocate for Autism support and was here to promote a fund raiser, *Hop on the Brew Bus*. On April 6th, from 1 to 5pm, they fill up both of their buses and go to three of the area's top breweries: O'Connor, Elation and Benchtop, for a fee of \$40 to \$50 a person. This covers a beer at each brewery, tip, and tax. Their goal is to give \$2,000 to EVMS for research.

They appreciate your help and support. Please check out their website at camp4autism.com. Email: camp4autism@gmail.com. 422-2040 or at www.livingeov.com Bus will leave from East

Beach front parking lot at 1:00 and return at 5:00. An alternate drop off being arranged at Bold Mariner on EOV Ave. but you will need transport back to EB if you choose that option.

Guest Speaker: Monica Johnson, Coastal Virginia Plein Air

Coastal Virginia Plein Air is partnering with the Ocean View Business Association and the City of Norfolk to raise funds for public art installations in Ocean View. The event is April 10th through 14th in Ocean View and hopes to raise \$50,000 to support the commissioning of public art in Ocean View. The actual artists for this event were by invitation only and will be creating art all over Norfolk. There is an Art Patron Reception and Sale which requires a ticket on Saturday, April 13th from 7 to 9pm at the East Beach Club House. There is a free public art walk and sale on Sunday, April 14th from Noon to 5pm. They hope to make this an annual event.

For more information check their website: www.coastalVApleinair.com Please read the full article in this quarter's newsletter.

Guest Speaker: Greg Patrick and the City Budget Staff

Mr. Patrick, accompanied by two staff members, reviewed the process for determining the 2020 City budget. The City budget runs on the July to June fiscal year and must balance by law. Right now there is a gap of \$8.2 million dollars and the City is working diligently to try to figure out how to close this gap. Measures under consideration are: grow the tax base economy (the long play); become more efficient; reduce services; raise revenues.

How can residents participate: attend public hearings, contact your City Council member (ours are **Thomas Smigiel** at thomas.smigiel@norfolk.gov 664-4253 and **Andria McClellan** at andria.mcclellan@norfolk.gov 664-4253); or use online tools.

Mr. Patrick and group gave us a wonderful demonstration of the online survey that is set up like an NCAA bracket challenge. It was fascinating and quite interesting. Mr. Patrick urged members to go on line and take the challenge as often as you wanted. Results are shared with City Council. Finding the link was tricky but try this - go to www.norfolk.gov homepage, go to the right of that page where you see 'City of Norfolk Government'. Scroll down until you see a 'bracket' and click. You enter your zip code and follow the directions. The choices are changed every time you redo with the results given immediately after. Please try it!

Important Budget Dates: March 19th, City Manager's Budget Proposal to City Council;
April 3rd, Budget Public Hearing; May 7th, Budget Adoption.

New Business

April Clean up: For the past 5 years the EOVCL has done a community clean-up in the spring. We partner with Keep Norfolk Beautiful and the City Sheriffs Dept and provide a “Swat Team” approach to litter and trash in our community. We always follow this event with a community picnic. We are looking for a volunteer or 2 to take on this event. See Ann Bolen for the resources and information that are needed.

We finally received a \$10,000 check from the city to reimburse us for the Shoreline Restoration Work that was done in 2017. Ann plans to leverage these funds to take on the next 75’ of shoreline to the right of the pier that is in dire need of restoration. We need a volunteer to lead this effort. We have a template from the last event and city staff to guide you. If you are simply interested in helping, let Ann know that too.

Gerry Bunting Fund: \$1400 has been donated. Two of our Board members, Jimmy Carter and John Cook have agreed to meet with Christy Bunting to see how she’d like these funds used to honor her husband’s memory.

Last year with the energy of Jill McCann and Maria O’Hearn a summer reading program was launched here at the REC Center for the kids. SOAR (Silent and Out Loud Reading) was a huge success. All the volunteers raved about their time reading with the children and the children were thrilled with the books and discussion that followed. The East Beach Foundation recently granted SOAR \$1000 towards the 2019 program and our civic league has put in \$250. This will pay for the books needed for the children. Please look for information as the summer approaches. Adult readers will be needed to read with the children.

Ann Bolen has received samples of the signage for the TERN which we anticipate going up very soon. EDC Homes also purchased and is bulldozing about 6 homes between 13th and 14th Bay and down 14th Bay Street on the Pretty Lake side. Look to see new homes going up there this spring.

Many have asked about the two duplexes between 19th and 18th Bay on Pleasant Ave. The owner Fred Martin passed away in the fall and the attorney confirmed these buildings will be going into foreclosure in March. The Green home and small house at the corner of 18th and Pleasant is also on Codes radar and the owner is to be taken to court next month. We do have a Codes Committee so if you have any questions or concerns, please send an email to or call Ann Bolen and she will see the problem is looked into.

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

The newest newsletter is on the back table, please take a copy and please check our website regularly (www.livingeov.com) for information about our area and what is occurring here.

Submitted by,

Ann M. Freeman, Secretary