

East Ocean View Civic League

Minutes of meeting held June 1, 2017 at the East Ocean View Recreation Ctr.

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

Treasurer's Report was given by Jeff Lewis

Total Assets	\$3,668.77
Total Liabilities and Equity	\$3,668.77

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

Police Report

The Chief of Police, Larry D. Boone, addressed the membership so we could meet him and so he could assure us that he wants the Department to be held accountable and that he wants to hear our concerns. To that end he gave out his personal cell phone number 757-309-0384, and urges us to call him when our concerns have not been met.

Chief Boone has been with the Norfolk Police Department since 1989 and became Chief of Police on Dec. 1, 2016. Chief Boone has a very impressive resume including being Asst. Chief of Police, has overseen the K-9 unit and the gang suppression unit, and the commanding officer of the First Patrol Division and the Office of Professional Standards-Internal Affairs unit. He reported that the homicides in the City last week were all unrelated and caused by social ills. They were mostly accidental. Homicides, overall, are down significantly throughout the City - down by half.

Chief Boone introduced Deputy Chief Joe Clark and praised his service. Deputy Chief Clark has been with the Norfolk Police Force for 30 years.

Officer John Fulcher, one of our Community Resource Officers (CRO) reported that crime is down 37% in our area. The 2nd Patrol left a print-out of monthly crime stats on the back table which also shows trends and compares these trends to last year's report. Larceny from vehicles is down but is still a problem. Lock your cars and do not leave valuables in the car.

Officer Allen, our other CRO announced that NARCAM training is being offered June 24th.

Guest Speaker: Laura Knipp, Norfolk Park Ranger

Ms. Knipp is a familiar face around the Recreation Center as she works with and creates programs for our youth. Her love of these children is very apparent as she talks about the programs she has offered and the ones she is planning to offer this summer. She is a firm believer in the STEM program (Science, technology, engineering, mathematics) and is designing programs and curricula that support these principles. MS. Knipp holds a BS in Wild Life Biology and an MS in Agriculture. She has planned a full summer program for our youth (ages

9 - 12) and needs our help. She left a two page list of supplies she needs and asks for our help in providing them. There will be a box in the Rec Center to be used for collection of these items.

Guest Speakers, Kathy Cunningham, Captain's Gallery

Ms. Cunningham of the Captains Gallery Restaurant is seeking our backing with the Planning Commission for a special exception permit so she can expand the hours of her ABC license. She wants to link the hours of her ON/OFF licenses. In a vote of the membership, one vote opposed, the rest voted to support her request.

Guest Speaker - Raffaele Allen of Marathon Development, Pretty Lake Project

Mr. Allen presented the plans for the project they are planning that is on the property on Pretty Lake Avenue where the Blue Crab Restaurant used to be. His purpose is to let the community know what they are planning but do not need the approval of the Civic League for moving forward. They still have paper work to complete with the City before they can move ahead.

The Blue Crab is being renovated and will be Longboards Restaurant which plans to be open in June. The damage to the restaurant was not as bad as they had originally thought. Longboards will also have two condo units on the upper levels.

The project includes two buildings on that property and Mr. Allen had renderings so membership had a good view of what was planned. 143 units are planned, plus the two condos at Longboards, and will include Studio Apartments, one, two, three bedroom apartments, and two units will have dens. Rents will range from \$1,100 to \$2,000 for the studio and one and two bedroom units. The two buildings will be five stories and have amenities such as fitness rooms and a club house, as well as two floors dedicated as parking floors.

There was a long and lively question and answer session as members of the East Beach community have many concerns. Mr. Allen gave his email address to the group to help ease some of the concerns. rallen@marathondevelopment.com

OLD and NEW Business:

*Shoreline project- this project restored 80 feet of shoreline to the EAST of the fishing pier. We placed over 850 oyster blocks and planted over 1000 native grass plugs. Many thanks go to Ann Marie Dori for leading this project as it involved a great deal of coordination and time. We could not have done it without all the volunteers who came out to assist her. Park Ranger Knipp has baby oysters ready to 'plant' in the new oyster blocks!!

* Silvio Mancone came to our civic league in 2012 with a plan to redevelop 2nd and 1st Bay Streets from East Ocean View Avenue to Pretty Lake. We supported him then for this much bigger project. Silvio has navigated the many curve balls thrown at him by the city and is now ready to move ahead with his scaled down version of phase 1 of the Villaggio project to be located on 2nd Bay. It will have 22 units of 2BR/2BA 1100 sq foot units and 38 parking spaces. Silvio is asking for our continued support.

* Scott McCann M.D. will be opening an Urgent Care clinic at the shopping center on Shore drive where the mattress store had been located. Hours will be 7am-7pm. This will not interfere with the Ocean View Clinic as they are regular medical care and Urgent Care is, primarily, for emergencies.

*29th Annual Clean the Bay day was June 3rd. Hope you were able to attend and help keep our neighborhood litter free.

*Please join us on June 10th from 10-1pm at the Garden on Pleasant and 18th Bay for the Annual Watermelon Festival.

*Please vote June 13th here at REC Center.

*On June 17th the Virginia Zoo is having a day for people with disabilities. There is free admission for people with disabilities and their caregiver.

*On June 24th from 8-2pm, the annual Neighbors Building Neighborhoods Conference and NBN awards will be held at Norfolk State University. For more information, please check out the website.

*NLCC is having their annual 4th of July Freedom Celebration from noon-3pm.

*The Master Gardeners are offering a workshop on July 29th to learn about creating dune gardens.

Our next meeting will be Thursday, September 7, 2017. There will be no meetings in July and August, however, the Board will meet both months.

Please check our website regularly 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