

## East Ocean View Civic League

Minutes of meeting held March 1, 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	\$3551.86
Total Liabilities and Equity	\$3551.86

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

### **Police Report**

Officer Fulcher reported that crime continues to be down in our area. Larceny from vehicles is still our major problem and three vehicles were stolen last month. Please do not turn on your car to warm it up in the morning and go into the house to wait. There were 16 reported incidents in our area, mainly associated with vehicles.

The police and community Basketball game is 6pm on March 8<sup>th</sup> here at the Rec Center. Please come out and cheer both teams on.

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.

### **Discussion and VOTE on proposed ROAD DIET for East Ocean View Avenue**

We had a presentation in December from John Stevenson, Sr. Transportation Manager for the city about the proposed changes during the resurfacing of EOV Ave from Capeview Ave. to 19<sup>th</sup> Bay (1.6 miles). The proposal would reduce the number of travel lanes to benefit pedestrian and bicycle traffic. The weekday average on the 2600 block of EOV Ave is 20,214 vehicles with 85% traveling between 39-43 MPH. On the 1300 block of EOV Ave the average is 17,863 vehicles with 85% traveling at 42 MPH. The goal is to reduce the speed of traffic and create a safer way to cross EOV Ave by creating a bike lane on each side. The plan would have a bike lane, travel lane, turn lane, travel lane and bike lane instead of 2 lanes of traffic each direction. Per Tommy Smigiel, the city is open to input.

Ann Bolen, President, opened the floor to 10+ speakers who had to be paid members to speak. A two minute time limit was put on time each person to comment. The discussion was lively and diverse. The vote, only by paid members of the Civic League, was 28 members voting for the

Road Diet and 15 members voting against. Ann Bolen, President, will prepare a memo to City Council and the Transportation department regarding the outcome of our vote.

**Guest Speaker: William Crow, President of the Virginia Ship Repair Association**

Mr. Crow made an enthusiastic presentation in explaining what the Ship Repair Association is, what it does, who it helps, and who benefits from what it does. The Association makes a huge impact on our area with over \$6 billion in economic impact, \$4 billion in annual wages, and over 60,000 jobs. The education and training arm works to produce the highest quality ship repair services with a pre-hire trade training program, partnerships with Technical schools, and community colleges. Those interested should contact [VirginiaShipRepair.org/Workforce.aspoc](http://VirginiaShipRepair.org/Workforce.aspoc)

Their mission is to support the issues, challenges, and opportunities facing the ship repair industry and the USN. They are the strength behind the Fleet. They have 265 member companies and a 37 year history. They are developing tomorrow's workforce and proving that a college degree is not necessary for a satisfying and well paying career.

**Guest Speaker, Rae Pearson-Benn, Hampton Roads Community Health Center**

The Health Care Center is located in the East Beach Shopping Center near Mona Lisa Pizza. They are designed as a one stop medical shop and cover dental, medical, and behavioral issues. They provide quality care with top notch providers, and are convenient and affordable. A few of the services provided are: wellness checks; prenatal and maternity care; STD testing, school and sport physicals; ADHD; asthma; immunizations; dental exams, fillings; extractions; and coughs, colds, and flu treatment. Walk-ins are welcome. They accept most major insurance plans and can be found in five locations. Call today to make an appointment 393-6363.

**Guest Speaker: Lauren Campsen, Candidate for Ward 5 School Board Position**

Ms. Campsen is highly qualified to be a member of the Norfolk School Board as she has been a classroom teacher, was Principal of Ocean View Elementary, and served as an Administrator in the Central Office. If elected, Ms. Campsen will focus on quality education with respect and support for teachers. She is committed to improving teacher pay, and providing more security to our schools. Please come out and vote on May 1st.

**Old and New Business**

Our annual Community Cleanup will be held on April 21<sup>st</sup>. Please mark your calendars. More information will be forthcoming on the website and at the April meeting. But like in years past, It starts here at REC at 8:30 in the morning. We complete our sweep by noon and follow with a community cookout which is sponsored by the civic league.

Beach Belly yoga studio held a Valentines event and raised \$675 which they have donated to the REC center to support their programs. We are very grateful.

The OV Business Association meets on the 3<sup>rd</sup> Thursday of the month at Coaster Coffee on Tidewater Drive at 8am. Thank you for taking this on Rocky Rhoades, and please get involved or tell any business owner about them.

Ships Cabin/Macs has been sold to Lesner, Inc. for \$1.2M. Word is that it will be a four story Events facility.

9<sup>th</sup> Bay Beach Access, a design for a walkway/crossover has been funded and construction should happen next year.

NRHA has acquired the brown apartment building on Ocean View Avenue between 6-7<sup>th</sup> Bay Streets. It will be torn down so land can be part of the new development project at Bay Oaks Park.

The new newsletter is on the website. We are always looking for good stories. Please contribute your stories.

There is a Board opening as Dave Moore must step down due to a new project at work. We are looking for a candidate to fill his position which runs until December 2018. If anyone else is interested, please let Ann Bolen ([bolenam@icloud.com](mailto:bolenam@icloud.com)) know.

Our next meeting will be Thursday, April 1, 2018 and our speakers will be two more candidates running for School Board.

Please check our website regularly ([www.livingeov.com](http://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