

East Ocean View Civic League

Minutes of meeting held March 2, 2017 at the East Ocean View Recreation Ctr.

The meeting was called to order at 7:00 p.m. by Steve Chamberlain. Vice-President, Ann Bolen, President, is traveling.

**Treasurer's Report** was given by Jeff Lewis

Total Assets	\$3,774.16
Total Liabilities and Equity	\$3,774.16

Notes: Income from dues \$495.00

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

**Police Report**

Officer Folscher, our Community Resource Officer (CRO) reported that there were eleven incidents in our area last month including 2 commercial burglaries to churches, 1 robbery/home invasion, and 5 larcenies. He also said crime is down from a year ago.

He reported they apprehended and arrested the man who attacked a female jogger in East Beach at 4:30am last week. They were able to apprehend him within four minutes. The jogger was not physically harmed.

Officer Folsher also encouraged the members to attend the coming basketball game on March 30th between the police and the Rec. Ctr. team. Good community building event.

**Barbara Willis** of the Ocean View Medical and Dental Center introduced the newest member of their staff, Dr. Janelle Wells. She is a family doctor who graduated from the University of Wisconsin and comes to us from Utah.

Ms. Willis reports that the Medical/Dental center is growing and has had 4000 patient visits last year. The dental wing is now going to be open one Saturday a month.

**Guest Speaker: Tom Schaad, Wavy TV 10 News Anchor**

Mr. Schaad is an engaging speaker who stressed that it is crucial that we have strong, free, local media that can be trusted. This was a theme he pursued throughout his presentation. He believes this approach starts with the citizens who work with and through the media to get results. He stated that in order to counter 'fake news', it is up to all of us to trust but verify. At Wavy, he says, they report the news without bias the best they can. Good news is overshadowed by scandals but the media must report attacks and problems in the community. Their goal is to inform their viewership.

Since most citizens now get their national and state news digitally, Wavy TV 10 focus, primarily on local news but wavy.com handles the digital end of their product.

### **Guest Speaker, Matt Hales, Candidate for Norfolk City Treasurer**

Matt is running for a spot on the ballot for City Treasurer. He is a member of our Civic League and also of the Norfolk Planning Council. He would like to be the Democratic candidate for this office but there is a Firehouse Primary he must win first. He is considering a run as an Independent candidate as well.

Matt feels he is a good candidate as he has started and run a defense contracting business that has offices in six states. He recently sold this business so he could run for the Treasurer's office. He wants to bring transparency back to the Treasurer's Office, an office that has been in turmoil since the present Treasurer was indicted and convicted.

Matt urged us all to support him and vote for him in the Firehouse Primary or as an Independent candidate as he feels he is the most qualified person running.

### **Old Business**

Volunteer Opportunities- We will continue to have a sign-up list at the meetings. We need all the help we can get. Please check the list and see if there is any way you can help us for a one-time job or something that is on-going.

Audit Committee- This group consisted of Willie Smith, Frank Johnson and Alice Webley. Alice made the presentation and reported that they found no problems in the audit and made the recommendation that the Board should have an annual budget. The Board will follow through on this recommendation.

Beach Sand Replenishment has started. Per last report, the equipment has been moved into place and the sand has started to be moved. The plan is to move 60 feet of sand onto the beach. A problem that is occurring is that the sand does not go deep enough under several walk ways and there is a steep drop from the last step to the beach.

Members were told to contact our Councilman/woman with their concerns. Addresses and phone numbers are on the City web site.

Bay Oaks Park Update - Phase 3 of the Bay Oaks Park Project is underway and interior and exterior graded pathways are being completed, as well 2 storm water ponds. The budget is \$500K for these items. Ginny Alberts, President of the Bay Oaks Park Committee, was at the meeting and was thrilled to report that when the City officials came to pre-inspect the walkways they altered the paths to protect several of the trees. Protective fencing has been installed and it is heartening to see this project taking shape.

Newsletter - The newsletter is hot off the press and you can pick up a copy here at REC center, at the libraries or at our advertisers. It is also posted on the website.

## **New Business**

**Ann Marie Dori**, reported on The Wetlands Stewardship project- PHASE 2 which is located on the left side of the pier and down 80' toward the Bridge. The group in charge is going to plant flowering wetlands plants, install oyster castles and sand. They need our support so if you are interested in helping please contact Ann Marie Dori.

Ms. Dori also reported that Earth Day is April 22nd and our Civic League has always had a great turnout for this neighborhood clean-up project. Hope to see many of you there. This is also a great community event.

**Patrick Riley** looked into having an OV Restaurant Week and found that it is an expensive proposition. Downtown restaurant week is now funded by the restaurants themselves and there is no City money available to help defray costs. Maybe in the future.

### **NOTES:**

In a meeting held at the Second Precinct last month we were informed that our crime stats have vastly improved since last year. Robbery is down 100%, burglary 80%, larceny 43%. We have a wonderful police department who work tirelessly. Don't forget to give them your thanks.

Budget - EOVCCL has not operated on a budget in the past and the Board is committed to moving forward in the best possible way, therefore, we need to understand which charities the membership wishes to support with membership dues. Advertising pays for the newsletter, but the funds that are collected from our dues covers the donations we make on behalf of the Civic League. For the past 6+ years we, as a Civic League, have supported the REC Center, the Storehouse, and the EOVBAA (EOV Athletic Association - Coach Dwight's teams). Next month we will be taking motions from the floor on which charities we will support as we build our budget. Please feel free to bring these recommendations to the meeting next month or email Ann Bolen. Bolenam@icloud.com

Our guest speakers next month will be SW Dawson, candidate for City Treasurer and Jeremy Sharp, from the Norfolk City Zoning Department who will talk on the new Coastal Character District.

Our next meeting will be Thursday, April 6, 2017.

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 8:40 p.m.

Submitted by,

Ann M. Freeman, Secretary