

East Ocean View Civic League

Minutes of meeting held May 3, 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	\$5089.18
Total Liabilities and Equity	\$5089.18

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

Police Report

Officer Folscher had a previous commitment so Officer K. T. Boone was here in his place. Officer Boone reported the following: there were 4 aggravated assaults, arrests were made for all 4 cases. Although the number of incidents are down, larceny from vehicles is still our major problem. There was a homicide on Thompson Street and an arrest was made. There was a second homicide on 20th Bay Street and charges have been filed.

The Beach Patrol begins May 12th. The Marine Science Patrols begins then as well. They are addressing dogs on the beach which is a big issue. The bike patrols are in training now

Guest Speaker, Delegate Chris Stolle, MD

Delegate Stolle said that the current session of the State House is not quite finished yet, they meet for 60 days. He says he always appreciates input from his constituents. 3,760 bills have been presented this session and the legislature has passed about half of those bills and many bills were carried forward. The General Assembly has not passed a budget yet but are working on it. He stated that working with Gov. Ralph Northam has made it easier for both sides to work together. By June 30th the General Assembly must finish the budget, by law Virginia cannot borrow money which means when we increase funding in one area, it is taken from another area. K-12 education and Medicare budget allocations are getting larger and larger which means other programs will lose part of their allocation. Tough choices.

Higher Ed money is being allocated to where we need jobs. We are funding programs that help fill the job vacancies we have. There is a growing need to have students prepared to go right from High School to the job market and the State has a Jobs Program in place now. Areas include: the health industry, welding, plumbing.

One problem the State is facing is Medicare expansion. Del. Stolle doesn't want to force people with good health insurance into Medicaid. The Federal government pays 90% toward health

care of those on Medicaid. If the Federal subsidy drops, the plan would disenroll people. Del. Stolle thinks the Senate will come around and approve Medicare expansion. He stated hospitals are planning to kick in toward the expansion so that people will use regular doctors rather than going to the emergency rooms. The hospital writes off the care given at the emergency room and it clogs the system therefore they could donate the money to support Medicare expansion and be in the same place. Any surplus monies raised from creative funding of Medicare does not go back into health care and that is a problem. He'd like to see all monies raised by the program stay with health care to address Opioid epidemic and Mental Health treatment. In response to a question: the poverty level in Virginia is \$17,000 for an individual to qualify for Medicaid.

Del. Stolle stated that he is very involved in the problem of flooding in Hampton Roads and the State. He Chairs the subcommittee. The State government has a HUD grant to study RISE, a program that incorporates flooding adaptation technologies. There is now a Special Advisor to the Governor on this issue. Problems include the fact that flooded land is sinking. We do need Federal help. The mindset in the General Assembly towards flooding issues has changed because now there is a threat to our strong Bond rating.

Del. Stolle stated that public/private partnerships, especially in transportation, will continue, but not so much in other areas for the foreseeable future as right now, in Hampton Roads, all transportation projects are fully funded. The new tunnel expansion to Newport News will be finished in 2024.

Del. Stolle is also on the Select Committee to study School Safety and examining how we can protect students. It is a major concern across the State.

The bill to allow guns in churches did not pass. The question remains: do we allow individual churches to make this decision on an individual basis?

Del. Stolle thanked us all for our support and said he appreciates input. See his contact information below.

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Guest Speaker: Bob Batcher, Prime Plus

Bob Batcher came to speak to us about the wonderful and myriad opportunities available at the Primeplus Norfolk Senior Center for seniors. This center is dedicated to enhancing the quality of

life for older adults in South Hampton Roads. They support seniors' intellectual, physical, emotional, and social needs and have been the pre-eminent provider of services, activities, and information addressing the needs and interests of older adults in South Hampton Roads since 1968.

They are located at 7300 Newport Avenue, Norfolk, near Wards Corner. Membership fee is \$60. They offer wellness classes at all levels, adult day respite care, SilverSneakers, as well as games, lessons and clubs. Mr. Batcher is an enthusiastic advocate for wanting to prepare the senior generation to take the next step in aging.

Old and New Business

Our 6th Annual Clean up was April 21st. 37 large black trash bags and 100 white bags were collected as well as about 400 lbs of debris and 6 tires. We had 54 adults and 3 children sign in as well as about 10 volunteers from the Norfolk Anglers Club and the Sheriffs. Dept. We served lunch from 12:00-1:00 and fed about 50 people. Thank you to all of the volunteers who helped clean our streets, cook for the picnic and to Jessy's for the wonderful tacos and cupcakes!

Ann Bolen attended the ribbon cutting for the new project to border Bay Oaks Park on April 25th and reports that the project will be broken into 2 parts. 20 lots were made available to builders in the NRHA Builders Guild and all sold in 1 day. Once those homes are built and sold, the next phase of 20 more lots will be released to the builder's guild.

Ann Marie Dori will be leading the Clean the Bay day on June 2nd. There are fliers in the back and information will be posted on the website. Please consider joining her at 10am on June 2nd here at REC Center.

It was reported that the owner/developer of the former Ships Cabin is committed to building a boutique hotel and events venue. He is now considering purchasing the old Surf Rider property in addition to Mac's place.

As you all know we supported the development by EDC of the Tern opposite East Beach (behind the 7/11. They have purchased the church at 21st Bay Street for the operation of a seafood restaurant known as Bay Local. It will be part of their Tern development.

East Beach EDC has been researching the ownership and lender/receivership (foreclosure) of the marina properties (Vinings and Little Creek Marina) to strategize a proactive approach to the situation. Boat owners can't get their boats out of the Boatel because the forklift was seized.

Marathon Development, a Buddy Gaddams project, owns the property where Longboards Restaurant is located and they are under contract to sell that property and the Cutty Sark parcel

to Lowell Zimmer Development Company out of Wilmington, NC. Zimmer is well capitalized and reputable with a large portfolio of successful developments.

Russell Turner, the developer of the 106 unit apartment/retail project at Surf Rider/marina location has decided to not proceed and has put the land up for sale.

A Norfolk Summer Reading program, SOAR, Silent and Out loud active reading, will be tested here at the East Ocean View Rec Center. It will be offered to children of the summer Rec Center program to encourage best reading practices such as literature circles and discussions. Mike O'Hearn has donated 60 books for the program written by Pete Allen. Pete will come and read from his book to the children. This will be the July book and each participating child gets to take home the book after they complete the program. SOAR has requested funding from the EOVC for a book suitable for August. We are awaiting details of the need and plan to ask membership to consider a small partnership for this program.

An Opportunity Zone and Opportunity Fund was established as part of the Federal Tax Cuts and Jobs act of 2017. The zones and funds allow investors to receive tax benefits on unrealized capital gains by investing into Opportunity Zones. The Zone identified for EOVC is from Pretty Lake to OV Ave starting at 15th Bay Street and running to the water on the Bay View end of the civic league. This pretty much covers Ships Cabin, the shopping center at 20th Bay and John Mair's center as well as the commercial pieces along Pretty Lake Ave and Pleasant Ave. The VA DHCD is coordinating the process and we are awaiting final rules and regulations on how the program specifically will work.

Michael Stack, owner of Bold Mariner is an active duty SEAL Team trainer. He plans on using food trucks and working with local restaurants so their food can be delivered to the Bold Mariner. They intend to brand some of their beers with familiar OV names, maybe the Jolly Roger. There are three other Breweries looking for locations in OV.

Calvary Baptist School has two potential buyers. The favorite of the City is for Centura College to buy it to teach drone technology.

Farm Fresh in the Ocean View Center will become a Harris Teeter. Plan for the transformation will take 8-10 months.

The boat ramp at Shore Drive and Huette Street is almost done. Plans to open June or July.

Shoreline Restoration Phase 3: Last month we voted to support the next phase of shoreline restoration to the right of the fishing pier. It will take us the summer and winter to complete all the surveys and work write up as well as locate the money for the project. We will hope to do the work next April, 2019.

As to the Golf Cart Resolution, Ann Bolen passed along the golf cart resolution to Tommy Smigiel but has not gotten any response.

Our next meeting will be Thursday, June 7, 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 8:30 p.m.

Submitted by,

Ann M. Freeman, Secretary