

## MY NOTES, East Ocean View Civic League, November 1, 2018

### Welcome/Opening Remarks

(7:00)

I'm Ann Bolen, President of the EOVC Civic League. I'd like to welcome everyone to the November meeting. I must thank Pastor Ken and Pastor Rodney and the members of the Pentacostal Church for allowing us to use their facility this month because the REC center is still closed. I would like to remind everyone that I insist on civility and manners at our meetings. We are here to share information and learn about our community. It is not a forum for yelling and fighting. If you disagree, I will insist you leave. As usual, we have a packed agenda and I will do my best to get you all out on time. As we do customarily, if everyone would please rise for the Pledge of Allegiance...

### Pledge of Allegiance

(7:01)

### Continuation of Welcome

(7:02)

Thank you. Everyone may be seated.

### Treasurer's Report

(7:03)

For our treasurer's report, Jeff, will you come up here, please, and give the group a summary of where we stand financially? While Jeff is coming up, I would like to remind everyone we are going to do a one-month drive to encourage folks to register for Recycling Perks. For every family that signs up for Recyling Perks during this November drive, the civic league will get \$5.00. Steve added the sign-up info to the website and I placed a few fliers at the door. Now Jeff.....

Current balance is \$4380.90, which includes \$800 for the Gerald Bunting Memorial Fund.

For October income was \$40 in membership dues. Expenses were \$32.04 for electricity for the garden light.

Thank you Jeff.

Now I must present our 2019 proposed Budget. We will vote on it next month, but we emailed it out to the membership in case anyone had a question tonight. (read over budget highlights)

### New items for 2019:

- Creating a matching fund for the Community Garden & Summer Reading Program
- Increased funding for Rec Center & Pastor Rodney
- Budget is balanced

## Police Report:

(7:10)

- Overall crime is down throughout the city & EOVC
- Big spike in car break-ins & larceny from auto in the last week in EOVC
- 57 crimes reported in October. Four were crimes against persons (1 home invasion robbery, 2 street robberies, 1 aggravated assault). Seven stolen cars, many of which were cars that were unlocked and keys were left in the car.

## UPDATES

(7:15)

1. As we mentioned last month, we have put together a slate of Board Members and Officers for 2019. John Greene and Nick Jones have pulled together an excellent slate.

President—Ann Bolen

Vice-President—Steve Chamberlin

Secretary—Ann Freeman

Treasurer—Jeff Lewis

2018-2019—John Cook to complete Gerry Bunting's term

2018-2019—Lee Williams to take over for Michael Phelps who is stepping down

Jimmy Carter

Chris Obery

The following people will remain on the Board to complete their two-year term:

Juanita Snead

Monique Matuskowitz

Alice Webley

Do we have anyone from the floor who wishes to be considered for 2019? **No nominations were made from the floor.** If not, then next month we will be voting on this new Board for your Civic League in 2019. Our Mayor will be swearing the Board in at the January meeting.

2. As most of you know we lost a cherished friend, neighbor and Board Member on October 6, when Gerry Bunting passed suddenly. Many friends from East Beach and the Civic League knew how involved Gerry was and have started a fund in his honor. It currently has over \$900 in it and we will ask his widow to provide guidance on how she thinks these funds should be put to use in our community. If anyone wishes to donate, please make checks payable to EOVCCL but mark that they are for the Gerry Bunting memorial fund.
3. Please welcome Debra Burrell who is here tonight to tell us about Rockefeller Christmas in OV 2018.
  - Sunday after Thanksgiving at 4:00 PM at the Pavilion at Ocean View Beach Park. Santa will be there. Tree will be lit at 5:15.
  - Volunteers needed to decorate tree on Saturday at 10:00 AM
  - Support from OV Business Association and OV Church

4. Please welcome Casey Palmatier from the Norfolk Public Library with news you can use!

- Free programming is available for children, teens, and adults
- Holiday Trees for Hero's---each branch will have a tree honoring public safety employees. Community members are asked to stop by to write thank-you letters

1. Tonight we have Matt Simon from the Norfolk Dept of Planning who is here to speak to us regarding a proposed project in our community. Matt was at our Board Meeting last week and I asked if he would come again tonight as the M-Star project needs to be fully vetted by our community and the City is working hard to insure just that. We will take a vote after the presentation. If you have been a registered member of the Civic League for 30 days, you can vote. If you are eligible, you should have gotten a white envelope at the door when you signed in. If you did not get an envelope, see Jeff in the back.

- Conditional Use Permits (CUP) are necessary for any land use that deviates from the zoning code.
- Residential is permitted by right in commercial districts if less than 24 residential units and more than half of ground floor is used as commercial space.
- City staff views commercial space along Shore Drive as favorable.
- CUP provide “security” meaning that if there is any adverse behavior at a property that would diminish or impair surrounding properties the CUP can be revoked or civil penalties can be imposed.
- If there is any change of property ownership or management the applicant must notify the city of the change. City needs to see proof that the new owner or manager is aware of the CUP conditions.
- CUP provides the community an opportunity to inform the Planning Commission of concerns.

2. Now that you have heard from Matt, I’d like to invite the owner of the M-Star and his architect, Sal LeMole who will show you drawings of the proposed project and answer your questions.

- Proposing...
  - mixed use property of 3000 sq ft of retail, game room, warming kitchen, fitness center, small theater, some residential units on ground floor.
  - 92 total units of studio, 1 bedroom, and 2 bedroom
  - 161 parking spaces for residents, 13 parking spaces for commercial
  - Roof top terrace
  - Raised plaza along street for outdoor dining
  - Price point is \$1300-\$1600 per month rental
  - Name will be East Beach Living
  - No age restriction on residents per advice from city council
  - Minimum lease term will be one year
- Matt Simons said the following will be added to the application for CUP per the community concerns:
  - Fiber cement siding on upper floors
  - Storage units not available to general public
  - No short-term rentals
- Motion to support Mr. Amin’s application, including the above stipulations, passed 32-6

I am grateful to our Ward 5 Councilman, Tommy Smigiel for being here tonight. With so much going on in OV, EOV and Norfolk, it is nice to hear news and updates from our representative. Tommy, you have the floor until we adjourn.

- Presented a “tour of Ward 5”
  - City owns Greenies now. One idea is to build a new restaurant & extend the beach park.
  - Harris Teeter is still committed to opening in April in 2019 with a ten year lease.
  - Senior Center will be torn down & replaced with 145 upscale apartments managed by Breeden. Playground and basketball court will be relocated to Community Beach Park.
  - City has Beach Pub & adjacent apartment building in 1000 block of EOV under contract. Both will be torn down. City would like to acquire jet ski rental place. City plans to acquire OV Diner after the operator and the Boone’s settle a lease dispute.
  - Bold Mariner brewing will locate at Bank of Commonwealth building— expected to close in next 1-2 weeks.
  - Bay Oaks Park parking lot is finished. Trails have been resurfaced. Next phase is infrastructure on back side of park, including side walks & curbs along Pretty Lake.
  - Homes at Bay Oaks Park has 13 of 19 homes under construction. Additional lots are out on RFP.
  - The Tern has been approved through planning and council is waiting to approve. Will include 16,000 sq ft of commercial space. Hope to break ground winter of 2019 with construction starting in phases during 2019.
  - COVA Brewing was passed by city council.
  - Little Creek Marina is under construction by 133 senior apartments by Bonaventure.
  - Zimmer Development will construct 140 upscale apartments around Longboards.
  - Lagoon will be demolished and replaced by Surf Rider. 17 beach cottages will be built in the parking lot & constructed by Stephen Alexander.
  - Former Surf Rider building has been raised. Banquet rental on second floor and restaurant on first floor.
  - Shore Dr and Little Creek Rd has a letter of intent from a developer for a mixed use space.
  - Former Calvary School is under contract by Aviation Institute of Maintenance.
  - Aldi’s coming to Little Creek Road at Atlas Building.
  - Cookout under construction on Little Creek Road.
  - Rally’s coming to former Long John Silvers building.
  - Developer has former Fresh Pride site in Bayview under contract for mixed use.
  - New walkover being constructed at 9<sup>th</sup> Bay St.

- Owner of Ships Cabin is ready to move forward with renovations to reopen as a restaurant.

Motion to adjourn at 8:45 PM. **Approved.**