

East Ocean View Civic League

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

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

Ann Bolen reported that the nominating committee for the election of Board members convened and proposed the following slate: Ann Bolen, President; Steve Chamberlain, Vice President; Jeff Lewis, Treasurer; and Ann Freeman, Secretary. Board members at large: Michael Phelps, Juanita Snead, Monique Matuskowitz, and Gerald Bunting. Board officers serve one year terms and will all be up for re-election or replacement. Board members serve two year terms to ensure half the Board continues from year to year. Thanks to nominating committee members Willie Smith, John Greene and Jim Casey for developing this slate of officers for the 2018 term. The vote will be held in December as per our bylaws. Installation is at the January meeting.

Note: Ann Bolen asked for additional nominations from the floor and as there were none, the above slate stands.

Treasurer's Report was given by Jeff Lewis

Total Assets	\$3239.88
Total Liabilities and Equity	\$3239.88

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

Ann Bolen and Jeff Lewis are working on a budget for 2018 and the final budget will be posted on the website. www.livingeov.com

Police Report

Officer John Fulcher, our Community Resource Officers (CRO) was just named Officer of the Year. Congratulations Officer Fulcher and know we appreciate your hard work in keeping us safe.

Officer Fulcher reported that crime is down in our area since 2016 by 23%. The 2nd Patrol left a print-out of monthly crime stats on the back table. Larceny from vehicles is still a major problem and Officer Fulcher and associates did a late night stint in the area and made arrests. Lock your cars and do not leave valuables in the car.

Police continue to beef up efforts to take vehicles off the road that are or appear to be abandoned.

Guest Speaker, Albie Viola, Developer and Bruce Gross, Didlake Enterprises

Mr. Viola and Mr. Gross announced that they are working together to develop the empty lots on Shore Drive beside Harbor Walk. Mr. Gross gave an overview of Didlake Enterprises, a business that employs handicapped employees, and explained that they hired Mr. Viola to build

two buildings on Shore Drive so they can expand their present business at 8111 Shore Drive. These buildings, adjacent to 8111 Shore Drive, will follow the Coastal Ordinance Design and will be office buildings with access off Shore Drive. There will be minimal traffic increase from this project. They will begin with one building that has two stories and will house 6 full time employees with room for training purposes, and conference rooms. It is already zoned C2 so needs no City approval. The second building will mirror the first, also having two stories.

Guest Speaker, Debra Burrell, Rockefeller in Ocean View

Debra Burrell reported on our 6th Annual Rockefeller Christmas Tree Lighting event in East Ocean View Park. This is a community driven event put on for the children. They have a new sponsor, Coastal Coffee, and returning sponsor, Coastal Kettle Korn. The Kick Off will be Sunday, November 26th when the Fire Department will deliver Santa Claus. The Hurrah Players will perform, and there will be a petting zoo for the children as well as having WHRO present.

Old and New Business

1. The Garden had their annual Apple and Pumpkin festival last Saturday. It was a glorious day. Thanks to all who participated to make this such a great success. The next Garden Event is Christmas around the World on December 2nd. Volunteers are always needed.
2. Budget Committee- As recommended by our Audit Committee this year, the EOVC Board is charged with creating a budget for 2018. As you know, we support the Rec Center, The Storehouse and Coach Dwight as voted upon by membership in March. Jeff Lewis and Ann Bolen have reviewed the income and expenses for the EOVC over the past 4 years and determined that the Civic League has been running in the red spending more income than it has taken in, mainly due to the expense of publishing our newsletter each quarter. The Board discussed this at length and determined we can get much more favorable pricing on printing if we, as a Civic League were a nonprofit. It would also allow us to apply for grant monies that are available from time to time. To that end, with the help of Coastal Tax, Jeff Lewis has agreed to file the paperwork with the IRS for our civic league to become a 501c4. It will allow us to cut the printing cost from \$3,000/year to 1600/year. That \$1400 savings will keep us in the black and if we can manage to raise money via a special event, that is even better. For now, the REC and Storehouse will have their support cut to \$500/year in 2018 vs. the \$600/year we have been providing and Coach Dwight will receive \$400/year unless we are able to raise additional funds. A copy of the 2018 budget will be posted on the website and the membership has the next 30 days to comment. We will vote on the proposed 2018 budget next month.
3. Newcomer packets - One outreach we as a civic league undertook in 2015 was to hand deliver newcomer packets to homeowners who have purchased homes in EOVC. What started as a small and manageable task grew to a very big job! With over 50 new homebuyers listed in the newsletter each quarter, getting materials, stuffing the packets and delivering them has become a big job. Bon Secours Family Practice on Shore Drive took over stuffing the packets for us in January, 2017.
4. King Tide- reminder, the King Tide is Nov. 5th @ 9:30am.

5. Flooding- There is a draft report on the Norfolk website. RTI International, a small nonprofit research group authorized by Homeland Security is attempting to understand how people in VA think about flooding and flood insurance has sent a survey and asked that our membership fill it out. Forms were passed out and collected at the meeting. Homeland Security is paying for this survey.
6. STEM classes are in full swing here at the Rec. Center under the auspices of our Park Forest Ranger, Laura Knipp. The list of supplies needed for these activities are on our website. **www.livingeov.com** This is a major educational program to help our local students understand and learn about the world and environment around us. Please help as much as you can.

Notes:

The licensing process for the *Crystal Palace* is moving along.

There will be a budget meeting at the 3rd Precinct on November 15th from 5:30 to 8pm. Ann Bolen will attend.

The Ocean View Business Association is having its first meeting at *Coaster Coffee* on November 14th from 7:30am to 9am.

Guest Speaker, Tommy Smigiel, City Council Member

Here are the items Tommy Smigiel discussed:

*City has a lien on the M Star Motel property of \$260,000. There is also a law suit against the owner by the demolition company.

*Pinewell Station, Breeden Company, Apartment Developers, have proposed a \$28 million project that has passed the Architectural Review Board and has been approved by the City.

*Ronnie Boone has sold (finally) the 20th to 22nd Bay site, near the 7-Eleven. EDC homes have submitted a letter of intent but needs to revise their design and have developed a new design. Money is a major concern and the project is stalled. The City may turn it back out as 16 other investors are interested. Five groups have met the City deadline and City Council will meet to review these offers in mid November. The plan is for 95 town homes and retail space.

*5th through 7th Bay Development Project is moving along. As to the tree issue, there was never a plan to save the Oaks in the part of the plan. They did review and tagged several trees that will now stay.

*Bay Oaks Park is looking good. Port-a-Potty structures will be installed as a permanent structure for said purpose is too expensive at this time. Exercise stations are in place and the present basketball court is set to be demolished.

*The infrastructure for the development will be done in March.

*Having a Home-A-Rama at the site was considered but the cost was prohibitive. The City may have their own version of a showing.

*There will be 38 houses on this site and the City is acquiring adjacent apartments and small houses in the back of the property for further development.

*Status of *Mac's Place*, formerly the *Ship's Cabin*, is unknown as the owner wants a lot of money in order to sell this property. In addition, the property needs a lot of work.

*The Marina at Little Creek has been taken over by a bank.

*Paving on East Ocean View Avenue to Cape View will begin in 2018. At that time the road will be reconfigured to be single lane each way with turn lanes and bike lanes.

*As to flooding in our area, the TIF (Tax Incremental Financing -which means that taxes would back the bonds sold to do the work)study has been completed. The City is studying putting in flood gates on Pretty Lake. They are talking about levying a Special Service District (SSD) real estate tax to pay for it of \$.01-.05 cents. City could get a bond to finance the flood gate and new city manager seems to support the idea.

Our next meeting will be Thursday, December 7, 2017.

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 8:45 p.m.

Submitted by,

Ann M. Freeman, Secretary