

Minutes
East Ocean View Civic League
Nov. 7th 2019

Welcome/Opening Remarks **(7:00)**

I'm Ann Bolen, President of the EOVC Civic League. I'd like to welcome everyone here and I hope you enjoy tonight's program. 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 share with the group a summary of where we stand financially?

We have a current balance of \$19,088.84 which includes \$2,771.47 in the Gerry Bunting Fund and \$10,000 in the Shoreline Restoration Fund. Income for October was \$90 and expenses were \$174.84.

Thank you Jeff.

Police Report: **(7:05)**

Officer Kyle Ferree, Thank you for being here. We know you have stats to share and as our new CRO officer, it is a pleasure to personally welcome you to our meeting.

There were 14 incidences reported between October 7 and November 6. This represents a decline of 66% in the same time period last year. Residents are reminded to lock their vehicles and not leave them running to warm up during cold weather.

Community Updates **7:15**

- 1) As many of you know, we lost a beloved member of our Civic League and neighborhood when Gerry Bunting passed suddenly. A fund was created in his memory and his wife Christy has determined it should be spent on the kids here at the REC Center. Ms. Dana has been working with Jimmy Carter on the list of items they need for the kids and the funds will be used to pay for those REC Center improvements.
- 2) The Civic League has \$10,000 set aside for a shoreline restoration project and the ability to apply for more funds if needed. What we need is a few good volunteers to agree to take this project on. We have the template on how to do it from the first 75 feet that was restored. We want to do the next 75 feet on the other side of the fishing pier to include the kayak launch area.
If you are interested in helping, send me an email or leave your name with a Board member.

- 3) The Mayor has asked if we wish him to come out and speak to our Civic League next year. We have been asked to provide to him our top 3 issues concerning EOVL we'd like him to address. Besides flooding on the Bay Streets (which is a big one for me), do you all have suggestions or ideas I should feed to him?

Suggested topics included flooding, traffic, speeding on Pleasant Ave & Pretty Lake Ave, road improvements around Bay Oaks Park, shoddy bike lane patchwork, general sidewalk conditions, and littering/trash

- 4) Community Garden: I am so pleased to announce we have had a couple, Louise and Robert Owens who have agreed to head up the Community Garden Committee. They have met with Bon Secours and with the Navy Group who has been helping to care for our garden even though they don't live in the neighborhood, but Robert and Louise have big plans and I hope more people get involved. They have the upcoming Christmas event planned for Dec. 7th Louise, do you want to share more info? I know they need some volunteers.

Volunteers can contact Louise Owens at 757-390-6313, Robert Owens at 757-375-0607 or celestialcity78@gmail.com.

Holidays in the Garden will be held December 7 from 11:00-1:00 and will include refreshments, crafts, and an elf workshop for kids. Volunteers are needed to help set up; please arrive by 10:00.

- 5) We have been asked to provide our allocated funding to REC and the Storehouse for their holiday events. Checks are being cut which are taken from the funds raised from your dues and ad sales. Thank you all.
- 6) Speaking of BUDGETs, it is time to draft the 2020 budget for the civic league so you can vote on it next month. Do we have a member who would like to participate on the Budget Committee? It is a quick commitment- we don't have that much money to allocate!

Chris Obery volunteered to serve.

Slate of Candidates for 2020

Each year in November we present to membership a slate of candidates who have agreed to represent you as part of the Board of the EOVL. Our nominating committee has done an amazing job! Thank you to John Greene and Nick Jones who worked with me to come up with the 2020 officers and Board for your approval next month.

We operate as an All Volunteer Board. Our Civic League is recognized by the City of Norfolk as one of the most active and powerful given the participation we have. As we continue to shape our beach community, your involvement in our Civic League is crucial as we do have a voice. I am so grateful we had six people agree to work for the East Ocean View Civic League next year in an official capacity.

Your 2020 slate of officers will be as follows:

Ann Bolen, President, Steve Chamberlain, VP, Kurt Kellerhals- Secretary and Jeff Lewis, Treasurer.

Board members who will remain on the board for 2020 to complete their final term or the final term of a Board member who has come off the board are:

Bucky Tretler who will complete Jimmy Carters term

Chris Obery who will complete his term

John Hadfield who will complete his term

John Cook who will complete Alice Webley's term

The Candidates for 2020 and 2021 taking on new 2 year terms are:

Bill Keplesky

Shannon Allen

George Malamos

John Harris

Do I have any other nominations from the floor? **There were no nominations from the floor.**

Everyone of these individuals are talented and committed to helping us create the best East Ocean View possible. I am grateful to all who have stepped up and I look forward to what we will accomplish next year.

I would like to take this time however to thank the individuals who have selflessly served on the board and are rotating off. Will you please help me thank publicly: Monique Matuskowitz, Jimmy Carter, Alice Webley, Ann Freeman and Juanita Snead? They have been a joy to work with and have worked hard for this community.

Now to our Guest Speakers!

Special Guest: Matt Paddock-
Norfolk's Bike and Pedestrian Trails Commission

The goal of the commission is to promote safe and walkable routes for bicyclists and pedestrians between neighborhoods in the city. As such, the commission advises the city on maintenance issues, contributes to the development of the city bike plan, promotes public safety events, works with Norfolk Public Schools Safe Routes to School, and sponsors events such as the Neon Bike Ride. The commission meets the first Thursday of the month. More information can be found at <https://www.norfolk.gov/746/Biking-in-Norfolk>

Special Guest: Gibby Hall- SURE 757

SURE is an acronym for "single use reduction effort" with the goal of eliminating single use plastics in the city. Gibby encouraged people to contact council members to support the hire of a promised environmental advocacy specialist in the city.

Special Guest: Matt Keane: OV Business Association

The community tree lighting will take place on December 1 from 4:00-6:00 at Ocean View Beach Park. If anybody would like to volunteer to help decorate the tree or set up for the event they should contact Matt Keane at matt@mattkeanedesign.com

Special Guest: John Greene- East Beach Institute

The East Beach Institute is a charitable organization that is funded through donations and a portion of home sales in East Beach. Its goals are to promote philanthropic efforts in Ocean View, enrichment of Ocean View through the arts and education, and engage the Ocean View community. Last year the organization awarded over \$17,000 in grants to organizations such as CHKD, Plein Air Art Show, East Beach Buddies, the summer reading program at the recreation center, Storehouse Ministry, and the VA Arts Festival. They are accepting applications for grants for 2020 beginning November 11. The application window will be open for 60 days. To apply for a grant, or to make a donation, visit <https://eastbeachinstitute.org/>

Scott Bateman: Update on COVA Brewing and Coffee House

Renovations are underway at the COVA Brewing and Coffee House. They hope to be open by mid-March 2020 and have committed to environmentally friendly practices such as eliminating the use of single use plastics. Follow them on Facebook or Instagram for updates.

That is all I have. Please join us November 7th as we will have some more news to share!

Do I have a motion to adjourn? Second? **Meeting adjourned at 8:15.**