

East Ocean View Civic League

Minutes of meeting held October 3, 2019

The meeting was called to order at 7:00p.m. by Steve Chamberlin, Vice President in Ann Bolen, absence.

Treasurer's Report was given by Jeff Lewis

Since we haven't met all summer, Jeff Lewis gave an account of finances during that time. See our website for more details. (www.livingeov.com)

As of October 3rd:

Total Assets	\$19,186.18
Total Liabilities and Equity	\$19,186.18

Note: there is \$1,400 in the account for a Jerry Bunting tribute.

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

Police Report

Officer Folcher is retiring and he introduced our new CRO, Kyle Ferree. He has been with the Norfolk Police for three years. Officer Folcher was recognized by the Civic League for his service and care with a certificate and gift certificate. He will be missed.

Officer Ferree made the crime report for September. He reported that crime is down from last year at this time. There were three aggravated assaults and two arrests have been made; one burglary; two larceny parts from autos; and a few arrests at a drug house. They investigated the shooting 'in the air' last Saturday. Investigation is ongoing.

The Second Precinct is holding a 'drug take back' on Tuesday, October 22nd from 10am to 2pm. This is a perfect opportunity to get rid of any unused prescription drugs you may have in a safe and timely manner.

Community Updates

*EDC is on the November agenda and will update the progress on their Shore Drive/Little Creek property.

*There are 9 new homes being built on Pleasant Avenue and 13th Bay. Four homes have been presold at a price just under \$470,000 and will be ready this Spring.

*Two years ago the Civic League supported a townhouse project behind McDonald's, off Shore Drive. The project never came off the ground. The owner is looking for a new buyer of the property and the new plan is designed to have 24 to 28 townhomes.

*The Tern is fully underway. They began gutting concrete building on Shore Drive and 21st Street this week. This will become a restaurant and five shops to include a paddleboard shop, gourmet deli, and an additional restaurant being developed by the owner of *Taphouse* on Pleasure House Road. Nine condos have been presold and will be finalized in May 2020 when the infrastructure is complete.

*The Flagship *Surf Rider*, located where the old *Lagoon* was, has secured its wetlands approval and construction will begin soon.

*The Stephen Alexander project at the end of Pretty Lake Avenue is underway. The plan has 17 homes with prices ranging from the \$600,000's - 700,000's.

*Bart Frye will be the developer of the front part of East Beach. There are no more details at this time.

*The *COVA Brewing and Coffee House* has begun demolition. We wish them great success.

*The *Bold Mariner* is opened and doing a brisk business. *The BarBQue* is excellent and available on weekends.

Nominating Committee

It is time for our annual election process. John Greene has agreed to lead the committee and we are seeking members to assist him. It is not a lengthy process.

NOTE: if any member would like to be on the Board, please contact John Greene, Ann Bolyn, any member of the Board or any member of the nominating committee. We want and need fresh faces and ideas.

Guest Speaker, Kezia Hendricks, Young Investors Group of VA

The Young Investors Group, Inc, has a mission to empower youth with financial literacy and entrepreneurship. This group provides a blueprint to help solve intergenerational social injustices and economic challenges in our world. They have a five step process in educating these young students, 12 to 19 years of age: identify interests; build relationships; educate and explore; offer opportunities; and invest in others. They recruit members through advertising and social media.

It is a 501(c)3; has been in operation for a year and a half, since June 2018. For more information see their website: www.younginvestorsgroup.org

Guest Speaker, Paula Miller, Communications Manager, Bridge Tunnel Expansion Project

The current 1-64 Hampton Roads Bridge Tunnel is a 3.5 mile facility with two 2 lane immersed tube tunnels connected by artificial islands with trestle bridges to shore. It is one of the most congested areas in the region. After studying several alternates, this project was chosen. It consists of twin two-lane bored tunnels, west of the existing eastbound tunnel. They will widen the landside into four-lane sections in Hampton and to 6 lanes in Norfolk. There will be two

part-time drivable shoulder lanes during peak hours. One lane and one drivable shoulder in each direction will be tolled lanes(HOT lanes). The other lanes will not have tolls.

The project is 100% publicly funded and Hampton Roads Transportation Accountability Commission is the primary funding agent. Funds to be provided through the Hampton Roads Transportation Fund from regional sales and gas taxes. The estimated project cost is \$3.8 million and is due for completion in November 2025. Incentives have been built in for earlier completion as are penalties for delays in completion.

Please check the website: www.hrbtexpansion.org for further details.

Guest Speakers: Council Members Tommy Smigiel and Andrea McClellan

Our Council members attended our meeting to address rising concerns about the proposed Casino in downtown Norfolk. The issue passed Council 8 to 1 with Councilwoman McClellan against. Citizens are demanding a referendum as many feel this was an issue that was not properly discussed or brought before the citizens. Both Council Members spoke to the group and stayed to answer individual questions and concerns. Channel 3 was there to film their takes on this issue. A petition was available to sign to have a referendum. Follow the news for more details.

A motion was made and the meeting was adjourned at 8:30 p.m.

Please check our website regularly (www.livingeov.com) for information about our area and what is occurring here.

Next Meeting is Tuesday, November 7th.

Please remember to consider volunteering to be a part of the Civic League and its committees. It takes a village.

Submitted by,

Ann M. Freeman, Secretary