

East Ocean View Civic League

Minutes of meeting held October 4,2018 at the East Beach Meeting Room.

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	\$3560.43
Total Liabilities and Equity	\$3560.43

Ann Bolen reported that the Civic League is going to do a one-month drive to encourage folks to register for Recycling Perks. For every family that signs up for Recycling Perks during this drive, the civic league will get \$5.00. There will be a sign-up later on the website. Later we hope to convert our POINTS to cash for the civic league and we will host this sign up during the month of November.

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

Police Report

Officer Fulcher was accompanied by Officer Lipieko who reported that crime continues to be down in our area. We had 18 reported incidents this month compared to 30 a year ago. Larceny from vehicles is still our major problem. Please be aware.

National Prescription Drug Take Back Day is Saturday, October 27th from 11am to 3pm at the Second Precinct, 2500 North Military Highway. Drop off your unused or expired medications to protect accidental poisoning, to protect the environment, and to prevent drug abuse.

The officers passed out the guidelines and rules for the use of golf carts in the area. Basically, one must have a drivers license and treat the golf cart as you would rules for an auto. One cannot cross EOV Avenue in a golf cart or drive it in the bike lanes. See our website for the details. www.livingeov.com

Guest Speaker: Dr. Bonnie Alexander of the East Beach Veterinary Hospital

Dr. Alexander reported that they are three weeks ahead of schedule for the move-in to their new building. The building is beautiful and it is her dream practice. Her practice has been growing rapidly and the move is very welcome as they need more room. They were required to build a two story building but will only occupy the first floor. They plan to lease the upstairs to commercial businesses or possibly as apartments. They will not board animals but do make house calls with enough notice. There will be a 'soft opening' on Monday, October 29th at 3pm and the public is invited.

Congressman, Scott Taylor

Representative Scott Taylor began by saying he was raised by a single mother on the Eastern Shore and, after getting into trouble as an adolescent, is very grateful for the Big Brothers Organization who he said turned him around and gave him focus. He has served our country with distinction and continues to do so in Congress as the U.S. Representative of the 2nd Congressional District. Representative Taylor was elected to the Virginia House of Delegates in 2013 to represent the 85th district, which includes the Kempsville and Town Center areas in Virginia Beach.

In 2016, he was elected to represent coastal Virginia in the United States Congress and is the first freshman in the history of Virginia to be appointed to the Appropriations Committee, which oversees all federal expenditures. As a Member of Congress, Mr. Taylor ensures that Virginia has a voice on the Appropriations Committee.

Representative Taylor reported that he has three main goals: a strong military; veterans' care; and the economy. Among his explanations he reported that a new VA hospital is scheduled to be built on the Southside and that although the economy is doing well the country needs to build a skilled labor force. He reported that of all Bills put forward only 2% get passed. He also reported that he works to have a Democratic co-sponsor to his bills. He was very proud of working on the Ashanti Alert bill and its passage. He has three debates planned with Elaine Luria but none will be televised.

New Business

In October each year, a Nominating Committee must put together a slate of Board candidates for next year. The Nominating Committee will be offering our slate for consideration at the November meeting. Additional nominations may be made at the November meeting from the floor. The vote is held in December as per our bylaws, and Installation of the 2018 Board is at the January meeting. Nominating committee is Ann Bolen, John Greene, and Nick Jone who volunteered to be the third member of the nominating committee.

A Budget Development Team is needed to review our finances and needs for 2019. The bylaws show we must develop a budget to be voted upon in December as it runs for a calendar year. The Treasurer, Chris Obrey and Ann Bolen will work on this task for presentation to the membership in November.

Development Updates

The Tern is moving forward. They received City Council approval needed for the rezoning to include the 13,000 sq. feet of commercial space. They hope to break ground on the Commercial part first and then 96 townhomes in November.

The *Surf Rider* has been lifted and they are busy working on the new foundation. It will reopen as a restaurant with a focus on seafood, tacos and smaller plates with a small banquet facility upstairs.

Pinewell station is still in site plan review. They do plan to move the playground equipment from the Senior Center across the street to Community Beach Park and add a basketball court. The Seniors are moving to our REC Center. The City installed new HVAC there this summer and is working on remodeling the activity room, entryway, lobby and corridor by end of Oct. Phase 2 will complete bathroom upgrades and commercial kitchen.

Marathon Development is selling the land for the East Beach Harbor senior facility on Pretty Lake. They have asked if anyone in the Civic League has an objection to them removing a paper street located on their plat map which runs behind the old building, to the docks and up the side of the property. The Civic League voted and there are no problems with removal of this paper street.

Bold Mariner Brewing is wrangling with the city on the Bank of the Commonwealth building due to leaks that were discovered. They hope to open by Christmas, that is questionable but we have been assured it is moving forward.

Harris Teeter signed a 10 year lease on the old *Farm Fresh* building and hopes to start a \$3-4M renovation in the Spring 2019, re-opening perhaps by fall.

The plans for the City to take possession of the *OV Diner* and the Jet Ski rental facility behind it are on hold.

The roundabout on East Ocean View Avenue is in planning. Tommy Smigiel, our Councilman, said it was to be placed on 21st Bay Street & OV Ave. There are concerns that there is not enough land for the roundabout and the City is working on alternatives.

The Shore Drive/ Vinings Marina property was to close but has not as of today. The new owner plans to move ahead with the planned 105 apartments and small amount of commercial.

The project (26 townhome style condo project) on Turner Road behind the McDonalds known as "Americana" recently received Site Plan Approval and will be moving forward.

1718 E. Ocean View Ave (north side of EOVA Ave between Beaumont and Grove Streets received site plan approval for a duplex.

Planning Commission approved the *COVA Brewing* rezoning applications. Council to hear it on Oct. 23rd.

Stephen Alexandar is under contract to buy "Phase 8" in East Beach. He has no plans for this project to be annexed into East Beach and it will include 18 townhouse/carriage houses.

The Lagoon is formally closed and Buddy Gadams is negotiating to put a flagship *Surf Rider* into the space.

East Beach Harbor received zoning text amendment to permit continuing care language to fit into the EAST Beach Harbor Special Purpose Zoning. Council to hear it on Oct. 23rd.

Pending item to be discussed next month at our meeting: 7950 Shore Drive (Site of old M. Star Hotel) wishes to develop it as senior living apartments- independent living. It is anticipated that there will be many questions from the public as the developer is the owner of the M-star.

Reminder, the FALL FESTIVAL is scheduled for the Community Garden this Saturday from 10am to 2pm. Deborah Lutz reported that they need lots of help - volunteers and donations!

Norfolk will host a Trunk or Treat family friendly event on Thursday, Oct. 20 from 5:30-8:30pm at the *Target* parking lot located at 1245 N. Military Hwy. No costumes required but they are fun! This is sponsored by the Norfolk police, Fire and Rescue, Sherriff's office and city of Norfolk.

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