

East Ocean View Civic League

Minutes of meeting held February 6, 2014

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

Treasurer's Report was given by Jeffrey Lewis:

Total Assets	\$5,222.11
Total Liabilities and Equity	\$5,222.11
Net Income	\$703.00

A detailed financial statement is available on request of John Greene, President.

Police Report

Several items. Officer John Folscher spoke and noted our area had two robberies last month and there have been arrests. There was also a homicide on 8th Bay that was an isolated incident. The person/people at 3615 Pleasant Avenue have been evicted. The code violations are in the process of being taken care of. There were multiple gun shots heard in the area last Saturday night and arrests have been made. There were 15 larcenies from vehicles. An EOVCCL member reported his registration was stolen from his locked car and several of his neighbors report the same thing. Nothing else was taken.

A question was asked about raccoons/opossums on 13th Bay. They were advised to call Animal Control. It was noted they may be asked to go and pick up traps and deploy them.

Sgt. Pete Maisonaire was introduced. He is the Sergeant now assigned to the Blue section of the Second Precinct, replacing Sgt Lee. He has 19 years of service and has worked in Ocean View in the past.

Speaker: Rob Blizzard, Executive Director of the Norfolk SPCA

Mr. Blizzard has been Executive Director of the SPCA in this area for a year and is making an effort to reach out to all the Civic Leagues in Norfolk. He gave a brief history of the SPCA in this area. The SPCA works with the City of Norfolk under a "fee- for-service" agreement, primarily neutering and spaying cats and dogs. Anyone can use their services. They also run a "no kill" shelter, with the focus on Trap, Neuter, Release (TNR) of cats.

Mr. Blizzard explained there is a great need for volunteers to walk animals in the shelter and help out where needed. SPCA has partnership with Care-A-Lot. In response to a question, Mr. Blizzard delineated the difference between the National SPCA and local SPCAs. They are totally different entities and do not share funding. When one gives to the National SPCA, none of that money comes back to localities.

Old Business

The newsletter is available at the back table. We are expanding to 16 pages. Thanks given to Ann Bolen and those involved, as well as PostNet, our printer for a fine job.

Jessy's Tienda's request for expansion has passed the Planning Commission and is now on to City Council for its approval. Concerns have been expressed both to the property owner and the Planning Commission regarding trash and general cleanliness around the building. Councilman Tommy Smigiel is monitoring.

BID/TIF information. BIDs and TIFs are taxes that will bring revenue specifically to this area. Councilman Tommy is studying their use for EOV but it will take time. President Greene reported that Wikipedia has good definitions of BIDs and TIFs.

The Kayak Ramp will be completed behind the Rec Center and operational this spring. A dedication is proposed for May.

The Rec Center now has top of the line exercise equipment. Please come and check it out.

New Business

Mr. David Colby, a builder, made a presentation to request zoning change at 3401 East Ocean View Avenue back to R-12. In 2009 the zoning was changed to allow a 5-story, over age 55 condo community, to be built on the site. It was never built. Mr. Colby wants to build 6 single family homes, approx 2400-2600 square feet, and priced around \$350,000. Mr. Colby has been in the construction business for 28 years and is licensed. The membership unanimously approved supporting his rezoning request.

Coach Dwight, Director, EOVBAA, asked to remind the members that there will be another "Boot Camp" in March. He would like our support. This program has been one that this Civic League has always supported.

Tommy Smigiel will be running for reelection again this May.

There will be an EOV Garden Committee meeting on Feb. 25th at the Lighthouse Church on 9th Bay from 5PM to 6:30PM.

Steve Zollos left Bon Secours and Joanne Merinar will take over his duties in our area. We wish him well.

Norfolk Federation of Civic Leagues will ask City Council to restore tax relief for Senior Citizens back to previous levels.

The parking Lot adjacent to Ships Cabin Restaurant, owned by the East Beach Corporation, is included in East Beach Phase 7. This area will be redeveloped as single family homes. The City is aware parking is going to be a problem for those wishing to use the beach this summer and is working on a solution.

The City is building a new boat ramp off Shore Drive for Lake Whitehurst.

The Norfolk "Green Reader" Program is sponsored by the public schools and libraries using volunteers to read to elementary aged children (up to 13 years old). They need more volunteers. Check EOVC website and Norfolk.gov websites for more information.

A member asked that the timing of traffic lights on EOVC Ave. be coordinated. John Greene said he would check with John Keifer and find out what can be done.

Our next meeting will be March 6th at the East Ocean View Recreation Center at 7PM. Our speaker will be Lee Rosenberg, who will speak on maintenance and preservation of the beaches and dunes.

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

Submitted by,

Ann M. Freeman, Secretary