

East Ocean View Civic League

Minutes of meeting held September 3, 2015

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	\$4424.30
Total Liabilities and Equity	\$4424.30
Net Income	\$-135.00

\$350.00 was given to Coach Dwight for his Boot Camp Seminar. See details later in these minutes.

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

Police Report

Officer John Folscher, our Community Resource Officer, accompanied by Second Precinct Captain Fred Pratt and Sgt. Masonave, reported that there has been a real reduction in crime in East Ocean View over the same period last year. Burglaries have gone from 17 to 7; 7 rapes to 1; and there has been a decrease in stolen automobiles. The area went from 113 reported incidents overall to 73 reported incidents.

Captain Pratt introduced himself to our membership. He has been on the force for 27 years and began his career in Ocean View. He reported that Ocean View now is very different from the Ocean View he patrolled as a young officer. He said that the police have instituted a very aggressive enforcement policy in this area following requests from the community to do so. Their goal is to resolve complaints and to keep peace and tranquility. He noted the parking ticket issue in East Beach and Bay Point that occurred recently is part of the approach to enforcing parking and drinking on the beach laws in a fair and impartial manner. They plan to have a full complement of officers on duty Labor Day weekend enforcing these specific issues.

Guest Speaker: Ann Dale, Church of the Advent

Reverend Dale has been priest-in-charge at Church of the Advent in Ocean View for the past two years. The church is located near the Senior Center in Ocean View, is a traditional Episcopal Church and focuses on outreach. Services are Sunday at 8AM and 10:30AM and on Wednesday morning. They have a very active food pantry and clothes closet because of a real need for these services. They provide special food and service programs at Thanksgiving and Christmas. The church also has many activities for parishioners and those who are interested, including weekly sessions for adult children caring for their parents. Reverend Dale urges you come, visit, support and worship at Church of the Advent.

Guest Speaker: Kathy Russell, Education Outreach Coordinator, TFC Recycling

Ms. Russell was an engaging speaker who went over the “do's and don'ts” of recycling. She reports that TFC is a locally-owned operation and is in Suffolk.

Regulations for recycling include:

*Only recycle #1 and #2 plastic containers. They cannot recycle others because they are different grades of plastic.

* No plastic bags, please, as they get caught in the machinery and damage their machines.

* Yes to paper that you can tear up. Also glass bottles, aluminum cans, metal cans are all acceptable.

*Do NOT recycle aerosol cans as they can cause fires.

As was mentioned in another meeting, the recycling truck has a scanner that reads a chip in your trash can. They track how often you recycle, not how much. The trash in your green trash can is taken to a place where it is burned. It costs \$125 a ton to get rid of this debris. This is not true for your recycled items. A “sad but true” fact is that Virginia is the second ranked state for taking in out of state trash!

Old Business

Sand Replenishment. Delivery is delayed to no earlier than January 2016. The Army Corps of Engineers budget is \$18.4 million, of which the City's cost share of the project is \$5.5 million. The lone bid on the request for proposal is nearly double the amount available so it will be rebid.

Youth Survival Seminar: 75 youth showed up as participants. Two active duty military men, formerly from the EOV area, served as squad leaders. Participants were well fed and given school supplies for the new school year.

Newsletter: Our current printer charges a rate competitive with other printers in the area but Bon Secours has generously offered to print our newsletter for free and just asks for a donation to support the garden.

Ramada Inn Site: This is the site on Ocean View Ave., near the present Senior Center. The zoning has been downgraded due to a group of local residents who registered concern with the Navy about flight paths. Consequently, the City has had to modify its development plans for the area, which will now be a \$1.8M project, with two apartment buildings, a park, and no retail.

Grocery Store: There is no new news but the project—to be built on the piece of land across from Mac's Place and adjacent to the 7-Eleven on East Ocean View Avenue—is apparently still on track.

East Beach Shoppes: There is finally activity! John Greene and Ann Bolen walked through the grocery store area with John Mair and he gave them a sense for his plan to divide the place into smaller units. The sewer project has blocked off Pleasant Avenue and still has a long way to go to completion.

Albie Viola Development: These are condos waiting for site plan approval from the City. Albie Viola has proposed to build 40 units behind McDonald's. The Civic League endorsed this project and it passed its Development Hearing with the City Council.

Maiden Watch: This is a Judy Boone project on the old Bayview Motel site and she, too, reports the site approval process has been lengthy.

Amstar Motel: The fire in August burned over 50% of the establishment. Fire Department reported multiple violations that were in place when the fire occurred and they are being looked into. Nothing can be done until the insurance company makes its report. It is assumed it is a total loss and if rebuilt will have to meet all the new zoning and flood rules.

Bay Oaks Park: NHRA rejected the three proposals for the development of 5th through 7th Bay, to include the proposal we saw at a meeting last spring. NRHA is doing an in house site plan which includes infrastructure upgrades. They also plan to be the general contractors of the project.

Transforming EOV: Several members of the Planning Commission helpfully met with the Board to advise us how to approach the City and to refine a vision for the area. The bottom line is that our goals must be "specific, measurable, and achievable." They advised to stay away from projects already under consideration from other agencies, i.e., flooding.

New Business

The New Life Church/Storehouse had a Yard Sale last weekend in the East Beach parking lot adjacent to East Ocean View Avenue. This group serves so many in this area and deserves our support.

The Neighborhood Expo, sponsored by the City of Norfolk will be held Sept. 19th from 11am to 3pm at the Kroc Center. Please try to attend.

We need new members to our Board. As always, it is good to have fresh faces and ideas. Please consider putting your name forward.

Newcomer packets are available for anyone new to the community. They include coupons to local stores and a myriad of information for anyone new to our area.

Our next meeting will be October 1, 2015. Chuck Rigney, Director, Development for Norfolk, will be our speaker. Councilman Tommy Smigiel may also attend. Richard Ottinger, candidate for State Senate, will also speak.

Please check our website regularly 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