

## East Ocean View Civic League

Minutes of meeting held November 5, 2015

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

**Treasurer's Report** was given by Jeffrey Lewis:

Total Assets	\$3,904.82
Total Liabilities and Equity	\$3,904.82
Net Income	\$ -745.34

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

### **COOL Awards**

The Civic Opportunity and Outstanding Leadership (COOL) awards, sponsored by the City of Norfolk, were awarded at the Neighborhood Expo that was held Saturday, September 19th. There were five awards given and two of them were to people associated with our Civic League. Jessy's Tienda y Taqueria won for the Best Small Neighborhood Business and Juanita Snead, founder, Dana Andrews, Rec. Ctr. Director, and other Master Gardeners, won for the EOV Children's Garden, the Best Healthy Neighborhood award. Jorge Romero, owner of Jessy's Tienda y Taqueria, and Juanita Snead accepted their awards. We are very proud of their achievements.

### **Teens With A Purpose**

The Rec. Center nominated 14-year old Alicia Burke for the "Teens with a Purpose" Award. Alicia is a straight A Middle School student at Azalea Gardens Middle School. Alicia tutors and has assumed a mentor role for many of these students at the Rec. Center. She maintains her good grades and positive attitude despite adversities in her daily life. At the ceremony at the Chrysler Museum last weekend Alicia won second place and a \$300 scholarship. We passed out a greeting card for members to sign to give to Alicia so she understands that the Civic League wishes her good luck and support.

### **Police Report**

Captain Fred Pratt and Officer Romel Ruiz were present at the meeting. Capt. Pratt just wanted to say good-bye as he has been transferred to the Training Division of the Police Force. His replacement will be Capt. Wally Driscoll. Captain Pratt been on the force for 27 years and began his career here 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 that the police have instituted a very aggressive enforcement policy in this area in response from the community to do so. Their goal continues to be to resolve complaints to keep peace and tranquility.

Officer Romel Ruiz is now our Community Officer. He reported that there have been only 8 incidents in our area over the last month. They include: 3 residential burglaries; 1 aggravated assault; 1 stolen parts from an auto; stolen tags which was a crime of opportunity. He asks that residents lock their cars and do not leave valuables inside their automobiles.

November 19th there will be a "Cops and Kids" basketball game at the Rec. Ctr. Please come out and support the players of both teams.

The police, as they have in the past, will be patrolling the shopping center parking lots during the holidays and will walk citizens to and from the stores for safety.

**Guest Speaker: Bobby DeBeradinis, Developer; Russ Turner, Shawn Kuhle, TST Construction**

Mr. DeBeradinis has been a developer for close to twenty years and is also a real estate agent. He has been involved in developing over 800 single family lots as well as hotel properties and other commercial properties in this area. He is proposing to develop the Taylor's Landing site with a 106 unit apartment complex. He and his partners are to go before the Planning Commission November 12th.

The plan proposes 70% of the units as one bedroom and will rent for \$1,100 a month approximately; the remaining 30% will be two bedroom and rent for \$1,800 a month, approximately. There will be 1.4 parking spaces per unit; they plan to go five stories with commercial businesses on the bottom level. They have planned for both vertical and horizontal acoustic privacy and will meet code.

The Navy plans to expand in the area and it sees incoming service members as their target group.

After a good discussion a vote was taken. The result of the membership vote was 32 members for this project and 6 opposed.

**Guest Speaker: Ms. Sally Parrott, Mr. Will Hopkins of the East Beach Writers Guild**

November is National novel writing month and Ms. Parrott and Mr. Hopkins are both published authors. They were engaging and led us through the process of authorship to publishing. The Guild published a book of essays and short stories written by residents of East Beach, *By the Bay: East Beach Stories*. This edition can be purchased at the East Beach Sandwich Shop.

**Old Business**

Sand Replenishment. Delivery is delayed. The Army Corps of Engineers has \$15 million, City has about \$8 million. Current estimate is \$30 million. The City is looking for a better bid.

Pumpkin Festival was held October 17th at the Community Garden at 18th and Pleasant Avenue. Over 100 people attended on a beautiful day and sampled food, cider, and fun. Thanks to all the volunteers and Bon Secours for a successful event.

International Coastal Cleanup also occurred October 17th. 6 adults and 2 children collected 10 bags of trash. The Lions Club policed the beach area. The Sheriff also sent out a crew of 'weekend warriors' after the storm in early October and that was a great help, too.

EOV signage. John Greene and Ann Bolen are talking with the Norfolk Neighborhood Directorate about a 'Welcome to East Ocean View' sign. They are hoping to have it located at the bottom of the Pretty Lake Bridge.

Bay Oaks Park. The development of the Park is truly underway, looks good, and seems to be nearing completion. The Bay Oaks Park committee has been tidying up the area, trimming trees and bushes, and picking up fallen limbs and branches. As for the NRHA area adjacent to the park, from 5th to 7th Bay, the City has not awarded a contract for development and may oversee the process themselves. They have determined a lower density would be more prudent and suggest building 33 homes rather than 42 and also construction an underground storm water system. They've hired an architectural firm to draw up a new site plan.

## **New Business**

### Election of Officers

Elections will be held in December, per by-laws, and all officers are up for election as well as five At Large members. Candidates for the At-Large positions are: Deborah Lutz, Juanita Snead, and Willie Smith (currently serving), and Michael Phelps and Scott Berry who are new to the Board. All four Officers have agreed to run for another term: John Greene, President; Ann Bolen, Vice President; Jeff Lewis, Treasurer; and Ann Freeman, Secretary. At-Large members serve for a two year term and officers serve for a one year term.

### Member Dues Increase

Dues have been the same amount for over ten years and it was proposed we increase said dues from \$10 for an individual membership to \$15 and for family membership from \$15 to \$25 a year. The Civic League supports three very important organizations in our area: the Rec. Center, the Storehouse Ministry of the New Life Christian Church, and Coach Dwight's activities with the youth of the area. This support is an important part of what we do for our community, hence, we ask for more financial support. We will vote on this proposal at our December meeting.

### Requests for Funds

The Rec. Ctr. and the New Life Christian ministry have requested funds for their Thanksgiving and Christmas dinners. Both organizations feed many of the people of our community at this time of year. The Rec. Ctr. has their meal the week before Thanksgiving and New Life Church has their meal on Thanksgiving Day. Fees from our newsletter and our dues allow us to help these organizations. It was proposed then voted upon to give each organization \$600.

### Discussion with City Manager, Marcus Jones

John Greene, President, and Ann Bolen, Vice President, met with the Norfolk City Manager, Marcus Jones, to discuss, "What's Next for East Ocean View?" Ann Bolen reports it was a good discussion that included installing gutters, curbs, and sidewalks along Pleasant Avenue and solving the flooding issues which is a major problem here as well as the Hague. They talked about the fact that East Ocean View is the only beachfront area in the City and its untapped potential needs to be developed. The City Manager will be a guest speaker at our meeting in the near future.

### Membership Night / Open House

We will hold a Membership night / Open House on December 8th from 6 pm to 8pm at Mac's Place (formerly the Ship's Cabin). This is a great opportunity to come out and meet your neighbors and check out the Civic League. Please come and bring your neighbors.

By the way, New Comer 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 December 3rd, 2015. Chuck Rigney, Director of Development for the City of Norfolk will be our next speaker.

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