

East Ocean View Civic League

Minutes of meeting held April 7th, 2016

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	\$4845.23
Total Liabilities and Equity	\$4845.23
Net Income	\$ 720.00

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

Police Report

Our CRO, Officer Chris Allen, spoke. There were assaults (2 shootings), 3 burglaries and 4 larcenies (homes, personal property), plus vehicle larcenies. All numbers were up from last year except burglaries. He also indicated that two signs were to have been installed in the Community Garden (which, as of the meeting, were not there).

Mr. Tommy Posilero, owner of Mona Lisa's, provided insight into the shooting that occurred on Saturday, March 19th, in the parking lot. He said their place was NOT involved other than a woman knocked on the door at 1:00 a.m. after they were closed. The next thing he knew, someone was banging on the door that there'd been a shooting; and the news crews arrived and had footage of the restaurant and the shopping center the next day.

Guest Speaker: Carter Smith, Candidate for Norfolk School Board, Super Ward 6, City of Norfolk

Mr. Carter Smith is a local businessman running against Dr. Noelle Gabriel for the Norfolk School Board. He and his family live in Larchmont, and his 3 children go to Norfolk public schools. Along those lines, he indicated that his "involvement with his 3 boys' activities has given me a broad perspective on the issues they face," and thus will focus on three areas: "safety, discipline and disruption (to the learning environment)." There is insufficient funding for the gifted and talented programs or information technology ("our schools are technologically inept, particularly compared to northern Virginia"), nor any "new dollars to address safety issues." He also stated there is a "huge disconnect between teachers and the Board, which he indicated has not changed its seven goals in 4 years, and, if he's not elected, "the Board will stay the same for the next two years." He is the only candidate not an incumbent.

Guest Speaker: Mr. Albie Viola, Developer

Albie Viola spoke to the Civic League over a year ago about a proposal for what was approved and is developing as Coastal Villas adjacent to McDonalds on Shore Drive and East Little Creek Rd. He presented another proposal for a mixed use (residential above commercial) community at 8131 Shore Drive called "Harbor Village." The item is tentatively scheduled for the April 28, 2016 Planning Commission public hearing. There will be 14 units—2 BR/2 BA/1400 sq ft—in the \$250-275K range, with "retail shops that will directly impact and support the residents." Diagrams also show that buildings will

be streetside so as to be consistent with the City's new zoning ordinances. Mr. Viola attended both the EOVL Board of Directors meeting, and a Harbor Walk Homeowners forum, previous to this meeting. Attendees believed Mr. Viola answered their concerns satisfactorily (to include whether residents could exit onto Harbor Walk Avenue ["no"]) and the request for mixed use was then voted on and approved unanimously, 44-0.

There were no other "official" guest speakers. Ms. Rooney Rosmer, long-time member, spoke on behalf of Dr. Warren Stewart, candidate for Super Ward 6, City of Norfolk. Dr. Stewart was at another event and couldn't attend. Because of that, Ms. Rooney offered to host a "Meet and Greet" for Dr. Stewart at her Ocean View home Thursday, 14 April; all members are invited. Ms. Rooney also offered her personal perspective on Dr. Stewart: "He wants to make good decisions, thus is self-funding his campaign as he doesn't want to be beholden to donors or special interests...He believes in the 'wisdom of the people'...He has multiple degrees and varied careers...He supports our police, teachers and communities...He is a well-tested leader and ready for this position."

Old/New Business

In the interests of waning time, the two were merged:

- A meeting on March 28th regarding an initiative called "Green and Complete Streets" involves having "green" streets that manages their own storm water by utilizing soils and vegetation to infiltrate, evaporate and manage storm water; and "complete" streets that capture surface run off into a landscaped area, and bio-retention techniques are used to hold the water for a short period of time allowing it to have contact with plants and seep into the ground. Norfolk would like to be a model for both by creating a better way of managing storm water and, at the same time, beautifying an area; and also by incorporating both concepts into the design-build process for future competitive bids with the city.
- A reminder of the Charity Hockey Game between the "Demolition Men" and the USS Abraham Lincoln on April 8th. A portion of the proceeds from ticket sales go to the Navy Marine Corps Relief Society.
- Our next quarterly Newsletter will be published in time for the May meeting. All previous copies may be found on our website, along with our Meeting Minutes, at www.livingeov.com.
- A letter to the City Director of Planning, George Homewood, was posted on our website regarding the Dune Management effort that is nearing its conclusion and is scheduled for presentation to the Planning Commission at the end of the month and to Council in May. A number of issues relating to the maintenance and sustainment of the Ocean View beachfront dunes were evaluated; and possible solutions to the City leadership were offered.
- There's also info on website about Hazardous Waste and Electronic recycling—what you can dispose of.
- A reminder of the EOVL Neighborhood Cleanup next Saturday, the 16th, from 9:00 until about noon, with lunch afterwards. We need volunteers so, if you can spare a couple hours for

your neighborhood, please show up in work clothes and hard-toed shoes at the Rec Center at 9:00.

- There is also a Community Garden Cleanup that day, the 16th. The members were apprised of some significant vandalism in the Garden on 23 March. There have been some repairs done; others are needed. We're working with the City and Dominion Power to get some much-needed lights and NO TRESPASSING signs for the garden.
- The Old Dominion University is still looking for volunteers to participate in a study on Sea Level Rise on the 20th, right here at the Rec Center. If you participate, you'll get a small gift card but make a bigger difference just participating. More info on the web.
- On the 21st, there's a Board of Appeals hearing, 10:00 a.m., 11th Floor City Council Chambers, City Hall Building on the Amstar Motel. The owners are challenging the City Planning Dept's condemnation, and orders to vacate and demolish.
- Also, there's a "Swap a Book, and Sip a Brew" at Pretlow Library on the 23rd. It's a ticketed event--\$20 in advance and \$25 at the door.
- There will be a Coastal Villas Preview Party, 27 April, at East Beach Sandwich Company. All are invited. Again, Coastal Villas is the complex next to McDonald's.

And, last, everyone was admonished to vote on May 3rd as these are very important elections for all of us!

Our speakers next month will be Chris Stolle, 83rd District, Virginia House of Delegates; Gabriel Phelps, Department of Utilities, to talk about the Pleasant Avenue project.

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,

John Greene

President