

East Ocean View Civic League

Minutes of meeting held June 2, 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	\$4458.23
Total Liabilities and Equity	\$4458.23
Net Income	\$ -569.34

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

Police Report

Officer Allen reported that there were 6 burglaries in our area over the last month but that two don't really count as the mental competency of the perpetrators was called into question. There were 9 robberies from vehicles, most of which were not locked. Officer Allen also reported that there is a rash of car thefts attributed to a group of 7-8 teenagers who use three cars. They enter an area late at night and look for cars to steal. If you see any suspicious activity call 9-1-1 immediately. He also reported "Beach hours" are in effect for the police who patrol the beach. Also, no dogs on the beach during the day, nor alcohol or glass bottles of any kind. A member complained about the speed of vehicles on East Ocean View Avenue. Officer Allen will contact the proper division to attend to this concern.

Guest Speaker, Laura Knipp, Park Ranger, City of Norfolk

Norfolk now has two new Park Rangers and Laura Knipp reports that their job includes helping the police by patrolling City parks and beaches. They are designated as 'S' Cops, a special arm of the police. Rangers teach outdoor education and will be here at our Rec. Ctr. on Fridays teaching fishing classes. Ms. Knipp is a certified wild life biologist who can teach a variety of subjects in this discipline. They work sunrise to sunset. Her phone number is 757-335-2609.

Guest Speaker: Kevin Page, Executive Director, Hampton Roads Transportation Accountability Commission

Kevin Page has thirty years of experience with the Transportation industry and is now responsible for "forward thinking and funding mega-highway transportation projects that reduce traffic congestion in the Hampton Roads region." He has a B.S. in Urban Studies and Planning from Virginia Commonwealth University.

HRTAC's mission is to develop a funding plan for planned projects and work with VDOT to deliver said projects. It is a political subdivision of the Commonwealth and is primarily funded with Hampton Roads Transportation Fund revenue. This revenue includes sales and regional tax monies on motor fuels. Their current projects include I-64 on the Peninsula (three segments), as well as the Fort Eustis Blvd exchange, the Patriot's Crossing (third crossing), the high rise bridge Southside, the Witchduck interchange, and the work in Suffolk (US 460/58/13). Mr. Page stated their main goal is to fix I-64 and have a long-term project in place. The Commission has the ability to levy tolls but has no plans to do so for the immediate future. All of these projects are works in progress and highly dependent on funding.

Guest Speaker: Chuck Joyner, Norfolk Department of Utilities

Mr. Joyner is an Engineer in the City of Norfolk's Public Works Department who reported on the Beach Nourishment Project, which is about to begin. The work will start at the Little Creek inlet and move toward Willoughby, raising the beach to five feet and the beach area to 6 feet. They will begin in late June and will stop for turtle migration from September 1 - November 15.

The project will go 24x7 and take upwards of a year. The only area excluded will be Cottage Line. 1.2 million cubic yards of sand will be dredged from the Thimble Shoals auxiliary channel. This is a \$30M project, of which the City will pay 30% which can be financed over thirty years. There is also federal money from the Hurricane Sandy funding. The estimated date of completion is February 2007.

Residents along the Bay received a letter from Seismic Surveys, Inc., saying that they had studied the effect of the vibration of the dredging equipment on homes along the Bay and the proper way to address concerns during the process. Their number is 888-250-6566.

Old Business

Ms. Ann Marie Dori is spearheading a wetlands project on Pretty Lake right behind the Rec Ctr on the east side of the pier. Ms. Dori presented a site plan of the area which is 80' feet long and 20' feet wide. This group has worked with Bay Environmental, Inc. in developing what to plant and how to develop the site plan. They will build up the sand and edge with oyster castles, use native grasses and plants (saltmeadow cordgrass, smooth cordgrass, switchgrass, and several other plants). Planting will begin at the end of August/beginning of September. Kudos to Ms. Dori and her committee!

Pastor Rodney Hammonds, from New Life Christian Center and The Storehouse, reported that the New Life Christian Church is closing due to having to downsize but The Storehouse will stay and continue to feed the people in the area who are in need. They are open for this ministry two times a week and are partnered with the Southeastern Food Bank on Sundays.

Last month, we approved spending upwards of \$300/year for a flood light for the **Community Garden**--\$600/year, if we install a second light. The light has been ordered from Dominion Power; it's due in the 13th; and will be given to construction to be worked and installed within 5 business days, weather permitting. Once installed, we hope it will serve as a deterrent to would-be trespassers.

Gabriel Phelps, who came to last month's meeting from the City's Public Works Department, sent a note about **Pleasant Avenue Phase IV**—they're currently in Phase III—saying, "Phase IV of our construction work (the phase coming after the work that is currently taking place along Pleasant Avenue) will span from 17th Bay Street down to 11th Bay Street along Pleasant Avenue, not stopping at 13th.

Demolition of the remains of the **M star Motel** is scheduled for next week. The gas lines have been capped; permits issued for the work; the dumpsters are in place. We can only hope the owner doesn't file one last appeal to the Circuit Court, which is his right, and demolition will proceed (NOTE: DEMOLITION DID NOT BEGIN AS SCHEDULED).

Taylor's Landing is the 138-unit apartment complex that will be going up across from Harbor Walk, next to the Surf Rider lot, and owners are hoping to break ground in September.

New Business

Social Media. The Board has been discussing how to better reach our members electronically. Although we post regularly on our website we feel we need to expand our reach and broaden our audience and so we are attempting to find a way to link with Facebook, Twitter and the like. If you are a person whose talents include making this kind of magic happen, please contact John Greene as we can use your expertise. We could always use some more ideas.

Clean the Bay Day. There are two locations you can come to this Saturday, June 4. One here at Rec Center at 9; where the focus will be at Pretty Lake, and also at the East Beach Clubhouse at 4550 East Beach Drive, where the group will be cleaning up the beachfront from 21st to 30th Bay Streets.

There will also be the annual **Community Garden "Strawberry Fest"** on Saturday, the 4th, from 10-1.

There will be the monthly meeting of the **OV Business Café, 6 June**, from 3-5 p.m., at Nansmond on the Bay, for both current and prospective business owners.

There will be a "**Meet and Greet**" for both the new Mayor-elect Alexander and Council woman McClellan at the Roosevelt Gardens Civic Building, 8440 Mona Avenue, in Norfolk, on Saturday

morning, 18 June, from 9-11 a.m. The event is free but an RSVP is requested for planning purposes.

News from our local Councilman, Tommy Smigiel, from his Ward 5 Advisory Committee meeting a couple weeks ago:

- There will be a drive-through Wells Fargo ATM in the Food Lion Parking lot somewhere behind the CVS.
- The Subway shop moved out of Little Creek Shopping Center across street and is the first store in the revamped strip mall there.
- The Shoney's on Little Creek will be torn down and a "Steak and Shake" will go there.
- The vacant Calgary Christian School on left side of Little Creek in front of Roosevelt Shopping Center may become the YMCA that had been talked about for our area.
- The Atlas Building on Little Creek is under contract for a possible Kroger Marketplace.
- There will be a \$600K dredging of Pretty Lake next to Roosevelt Gardens and the Tarrallton shore line, off Halprin Drive. That's the only dredging Tommy said he's aware of and may be the one Barclay mentioned during his campaign.
- There may be a boat and kayak ramp installed near the former Taylor's Landing sometime in the future.
- There may be \$100K in 2016 and another \$100,000 in 2017 available from city to bury power lines and streetscaping for John Mair's shopping center.
- There will be Dollar Tree going into the John Mair shopping center.
- There may be an additional \$500K for Bay Oaks Park work.
- The city is now emptying trash cans on beach each day!
- On July 22nd, there will be an Ocean View "Brews on the Bay," with 30 breweries and the Deloreans. This follows on the heels of the highly successful Virginia Symphony last weekend.

- There are three stores going into the lot next to Food lion where the car repair shop once was. There will be 3 stores: a Hair Cuttery, a Jimmy Johns sandwich shop and a third to be announced later.

There will be no general meetings in July and August and regular meetings will resume in September. There will be Board of Director meeting in July and August.

Our September speakers are: Martin Thomas, candidate for Ward 1, City Council; Michael Nentwich, City Forrester

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