

East Ocean View Civic League

Minutes of meeting held October 6, 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	\$3649.89
Total Liabilities and Equity	\$3649.89
Net Income (June through August)	\$ 157.00

A detailed financial statement is available on request of John Greene, President. It was reported to the membership, as it is periodically, that we support 3 charities: the EOV Rec Center, the Storehouse Outreach Center, and Coach Dwight's various team activities and boot camp.

**Police Report**

Officer Allen, our CRO, gave the police report. His boss, Lt. Mike Lovely, was also present. Officer Allen reported that there were no big problems in our area last month.

There were 28 incidents in our area including 14 larcenies (by friends, acquaintances, auto parts, from buildings - copper pipes, from autos), 1 commercial burglary, 3 residential burglaries, 3 aggravated assaults. Larcenies from autos continue to be a problem and the police ask the public to please lock their vehicles and do not leave valuables in the car whether it is locked or unlocked. They also ask you to please contact them if you suspect someone has been in your car, even though nothing has been taken.

**Guest Speaker: James Holloman, Chief Development Officer, NRHA**

Mr. Holloman was at our meeting to report on the progress of the housing project scheduled to be developed between 5th and 7th Bay, adjacent to Bay Oaks Park. The NRHA owns the land and is going to function as the developer of this project. Mr. Holloman stated that three proposals were submitted by individual developers but the NRHA rejected them as they felt the housing was too dense and the committee wanted more variety. Hence, they decided to become the developer. They have been through a site plan review and the development will contain 32 lots, rear alleys on the lots, and the committee will address storm water issues. They feel they will receive final approval from the City by the end of the month and then they will put the lots out to the Builders Guild for bids. There may be an additional 4 lots as they have acquired property on the east side of 7th Bay Street. They plan to bid the infrastructure in November, award lots in the fall, and begin building in the spring of 2017.

The plans are for houses to sell for between \$360,000 and \$399,000; one- and two-story; 1400 to 2500 square feet; 50' wide, 100' feet to 150' deep lots. Houses will have detached garages with

“mother-in-law” suites over the garages (as in East Beach). There will be elevated first floors to meet flood requirements.

Note: Ginny Alberts of the Bay Oaks Park Committee commended Mr. Holloman for honoring the 5th Bay agreement.

### **Guest Speaker: Rodney Hammond, Pastor New Life Church and Storefront Ministries**

New Life Church And Storefront Ministries just celebrated thirty years in Ocean View, serving those in need in the area and, although they are experiencing financial difficulties, plan to stay active in Ocean View for years to come. They have brought change and inspiration to many residents of the area.

Pastor Rodney showed a film that was prepared for this anniversary and it truly spotlighted the impact they have had on the lives of people in this area which include: serving food to 80 to 100 families a week; distributing 5,000 pounds of food a month; serving 400 plus people at Thanksgiving; and serving 100 families each Christmas with food and gifts.

New Life Church and Storefront Ministries is one of the three charities the Civic League supports and gratefully supports the many citizens of East Ocean View.

### **Old Business**

President John Greene reported that the Amstar Motel is finally leveled. The City took over demolition and charged the owner for the costs of demolition when the owner was non-compliant in said demolition. There is still a minor amount of work to be done to complete the demolition.

Last month the civic league members vetoed a motion to change the zoning from commercial to mixed use for a portion of land that is now a parking lot near Bay Breeze, the marina, and the Lagoon restaurant so that East Beach Company could develop the area into 22 carriage houses and 4 cottages, called “Phase 8” in East Beach parlance.

Mr. Rock Bell, General Manager of East Beach Company, asked to re-present the issue at our October meeting. Mr. Bell spent the time since our last meeting consulting with the Boards of two of the three neighboring associations that were against this project. Mr. Bell presented a very thorough revision of the original plans that now have 10 cottages and 7 carriage houses (with 3 parking spaces per lot); and totally revised parking plans that show 49 additional parking spaces for the area. The Presidents of all three association groups thanked Mr. Bell for listening to them and revising his plans, especially the parking places.

The membership voted 36 to 1 to support the new plan. The newly revised plan goes in front of the Planning Commission of October 27, 2016.

Note: the guard house will be pulled down and there was no objection to pulling down the brick wall running along lots 8, 9, and 10.

John Greene also reported that the Planning Commission approved a request by the NY Deli and Smokehouse on Little Creek Road for an offsite permit for the sale of beer and wine. Their hours are 10 am to 9 pm daily.

The OV Art show that was scheduled for October 8th and 9th has been rescheduled due to Hurricane Matthew for October 29th and 30th. It will be held at 1st View Commercial Park.

### **New Business**

As a reminder, there are two opportunities for everyone to help out in our neighborhood this weekend. First, the Community Garden at 18th and Pleasant is having its annual Fall Cleanup. Please come help prepare for the winter. Second, at the Rec Center, there will be the first in a series of plantings--a "Rain Garden." Volunteers are needed there as well. Both activities are from 10-1 this Saturday.

Ann Marie Dori is the person in charge of the Rain Garden, a Wetlands Restoration Project, occurring at the Rec. Center. The planting will occur outside the side door of the Rec. Center, in the depressed area where rain water gets captured and does not flow into the lake. She and her committee are working with the Master Gardeners and expect to be done by next Spring.

The City is constructing Traffic Calming and Pedestrian Safety Refuge Islands in the Cottage Line area on East Ocean View Avenue. The project is budgeted at \$200,000.00.

Note: John Greene is retiring as President of the East Ocean View Civic League as of December 2016. He asks members to please come forward and be members of the Board. Our Civic League only works when we have active members. Ann Bolen, Vice President, has agreed to take the position as President for a year to allow a search for a new President.

Our next meeting will be November 3rd at 7 pm. Our speakers next month will be Mr. Eric Hartley of the Virginian Pilot.

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