

East Ocean View Civic League Meeting October 7, 2021

Welcome/Opening Remarks (7:00)

I'm Ann Bolen-President of the EOVCivic League. I'd like to wish you all a good evening and thank the Acclaim for hosting us! We have a very full agenda tonight. Before I present our Treasurer's report however, let me remind everyone you must be a registered member of EOVCCL for 30 days prior to voting on any issue. I have papers on how to join at the sign-in table.

Treasurer's Report (7:02)

For the month of September, We took in \$128.30 in membership dues and spent \$342.74 for the summer newsletter printing and 33.23 for the security light in the Community Garden. As we run mainly on dues and advertising, I would like to note we had budgeted \$2100 in income from dues for 2021 and have taken in \$1162.59 as of Sept 30. We expect to spend \$1250 over the holidays for both the Storehouse and REC events. Any questions?

Police Report (Wenche Mobergh) (7:04)

Our new CRO officer, Officer Joshua Irizarry is still prohibited from physically attending our EOVCCL meetings. He has, however, provided an update to our Crime and Safety Board member, Wenche Morbergh who will give will give the summary of the crime stats. A detailed crime report was provided by Wenche. (see attached)

Guest Speakers: (7:15)

Laura Bartlette and Jennifer Stell, Exec Director of The Acclaim (Mary and Natasha represented Acclaim , substituting for Laura and Jennifer)

Mary and Natasha shared a bit about themselves and what the Rehab facility can offer the community if you are in need of rehab services.

Now, before moving to the next item on our agenda, I would like to thank the Acclaim for hosting our meeting this evening.

Vote: LOLAs at the Tern (7:20)

Last month we heard from Alexander Hernandez regarding his new upscale Mexican restaurant on OV Ave at The Tern. He asked the community to take a vote this month for his planning commission application.

There are two votes. I will name the vote, we will have discussion and then vote on each separately. Steve, I will need your help counting. Remember, you must be a registered Civic League member to vote tonight.

1. For or Against LIVE Music at the Restaurant
2. For or Against the restaurant staying open past 11pm

Thank you all.

After a lengthy, and often animated, discussion, which is a primary purpose of Civic League meetings, eligible meeting participants voted to allow LIVE Music but against LOLA's request to stay open after 11PM. Mr. Hernandez was present at the meeting.

Information Request: Marina Village Apartments

(7:35)

The board was given a presentation by the developer of the Marina Villa Apartments last week. He still owns two outparcels in front of the project and wishes to get a zoning change in order to build 16 more 2 BR units (8 units on each parcel). His reasoning for the request is a parking concern as well as the fact he knows he can rent the apts but the commercial aspect is an unknown. The land is currently zoned commercial. The Board felt the community wanted to see more commercial. His response was to ask the community WHAT type of commercial business do they see working on the site? He wanted to know if the community would be open to supporting some apartments and also some commercial on the site? The Board felt we could support the mix. The Developer asked if the community would provide 3 ideas of businesses they wish him to try and secure for the site. Any ideas I can share? I was given a tackle shop by a Board Member but other ideas?

After a lengthy discussion intended to identify possible retail businesses the community would like to see developed on the Marina Village site an Ice cream Shop, A Jewish Deli and a Dry Cleaners were identified as the types of businesses the community would most like to see established. Ann advised she would pass these along to the developer.

Meeting participants also made it clear they were strongly against further residential development at the Marina Village Apartments location. Ann advised that this fact would also be passed along to the developer.

Guest Speaker: Tommy Smigiel

(7:45)

Now I'd like to turn the meeting over to our Councilman, Tommy Smigiel to give us updates and hopefully answer some questions. Tommy, I can give you until 8:20.

Mr Smigiel's primary areas of focus were as follows:

1. A reminder that the voice of the community was important to him and to the city of Norfolk
2. Despite the comments of some, there really is a master plan for the growth/ development of EOV
3. Taking credit for the recent resurfacing of Little Creek Drive and Ocean View.
4. STRs are here to stay and it is best that we work to make them part of the community and demand they be operated within a set of rules that benefits everyone. Banning totally will not solve the problem because they will just be operated outside the law. We need the State to pass legislation that Norfolk can use to enforce the type of behavior everyone is looking for. The Norfolk website that shows registered STRs ,where residents can determine if a residence in question is registered, is <https://www.norfolk.gov/4295/short-term-rentals>
5. Update of community interest actions and activities.
6. Giving away some of City of Norfolk items (pins, etc.)

Community Updates and Announcements:**(8:30)**

1. Board is in search of candidates to run for President and a general Board position starting in January. Nominations will be accepted for these Board positions at the November meeting. If you're interested in serving, please let me or another Board member know. We already have two people who are interested in serving. You can Contact me or John Greene but nominations for the slate must be read at the November meeting with the vote taken in December.
2. As I announced last month, an official Community Garden Committee was sought and I am pleased to announce we have an excellent group of 3 people! This is an important committee due to the commitment from EOVL and the funds spent and projected to be spent in 2022. Mike Kern of NBG, Michaela Hall of 18th Bay and Jeff Crump of 18th Bay have all agreed to be on this Committee which will report to the Board. In addition, Robert Call of Norfolk Academy's Innovation and Technology department has some students willing to help us plan how best to utilize our rain in the back of the garden. EOVL is helping to sponsor a TRUCK or TREAT at REC on Friday, Oct. 29th from 5-7pm. We need folks to come and park at REC to give out treats and candy. REC will provide hotdogs and popcorn to the kids and they will have small pumpkins to carve or paint. If you wish to donate treats OR candy, we will have a box at REC over the next two weeks.
3. In June we announced our initiative to help with crosswalk safety on Ocean View Ave. We are awaiting a Traffic Study before the city is able to do anything but in the meantime, I made 3 sets of flags for the crosswalks at 19, 17, 15th Bay Streets crossing Ocean View Ave. Given how often they are being used, I plan to make 3 more sets for crosswalks on OV Ave without street lights and work my way down to 2nd Bay Street through the winter.
4. We wanted to have a community Clean up on Oct. 16 but I don't have anyone to run this event. The city (Keep Norfolk Beautiful) is willing to provide trash support, bags and gloves but I need someone to run the event out of either REC or the Garden. It does not have to be Oct 16th. See me if you wish to organize this event NO picnic planned, just a few hours picking up the streets and beach after a busy summer but you must capture the volunteer info for KNB and let them know where to pick up the bags the following week.
5. We have our final approval from the Army Core of Engineers for the shoreline restoration project to the west of the fishing pier! We will work with the project manager of Bay Environmental. Jim Calhoun and Kirk Kellerhals of our Board to determine the best date to do this work and introduce the oyster spat to the oyster castles being placed. It will happen in April or May of 2022. We have the funding in place for this project.
6. The East Beach Forum has been opened to all members of EOVL Civic League. It is held at the Bay Front Club in East Beach on a few Sunday afternoons. Next event in Nov. and an invite to all Civic League members will be sent out. I attended the Oct session on

Sunday on Stranding presented by Mark Swingle, Chief of Research and Conservation at the VA Aquarium. It was excellent! The event is free, but does require registration as space is limited and COVID restrictions are in place.

7. Membership- we had hoped to have 150 members for 2021. We are still short 17 paying members. If you have not renewed, please do so. On line payment via pay pal is available. See the website: Living EOV.com
8. The apartment that burned on Feb 22nd at 2900 Pleasant Ave (and 10th Bay) will be demolished. Bids are currently being gathered for the work. Only single family homes can be built on the site per the city.
9. Kirk Kellerhals has agreed to operate and pay for our zoom meeting usage going forward should the need arrive. We hope we can stay meeting in person and next month will be at the REC Center. One member asked us to keep the ZOOM going or record and post our LIVE Meetings. As an all volunteer organization, I don't think we can pull that off.
10. Election day is Nov. 2nd. The Civic league has agreed to have a table to try and get more membership from those voting at our precinct. We will have a table out at the REC Center parking lot. If anyone wants to help Nick Jones and Myself man this table during election day, please let me know.
11. City Planning let me know there is a proposed Text Amendment to the zoning ordinance for Marinas to allow for kayak/boat/jet ski rental. Currently marinas are not permitted to include kayak/boat/jet ski rentals. The text amendment would correct this. The amendment will be in front of the planning commission on Oct 28th at 2pm if you wish to provide comments. You can also email Jonathan Sanders, City Planner jonathan.sanders@norfolk.gov
12. There is also a proposal to amend the NO WAKE zones on Pretty Lake. The Department of Public Works would like speak at the NOV. Civic League meeting and discuss the No Wake Zones. They have been invited.

Adjourn:

(8:40)

That is all I have. Do I have a motion to adjourn? Second?