

Croatan Civic League Meeting Minutes

7:00 PM Monday, July 6th 2015

Virginia Beach Rescue Squad Building, 740 Virginia Beach Blvd, Virginia Beach VA

1.0 7:00 pm, Call to order/ Pledge of Allegiance/Roll Call/ Quorum

Determination/Introduction

6 of 9 Board members were present.

Bill Garvey, Regina Oswalt, Vince Donlon, Jim Skarbek , Katie Ripberger were present.

Others attending included: Clair Yoder, Mike Kelly, Bob Young, Ken Jobe.

2.0 Approval of prior meeting notes – May meeting minutes. Motion made, seconded and meeting minutes were approved.

3.0 Treasurers Report (Jim Skarbek)

Jim presented his report which indicated a projected deficit for the current year as membership and security were each \$2500 less to date than the same time last year. Efforts were discussed to create a membership drive early next year to improve the membership numbers. Also discussed whether items approved in the budget needed to be authorized specifically by board vote prior to expenditure. This item was tabled until next month when a proposed motion could be developed to address the issue. The treasurer's report was accepted by the board with unanimous vote.

4.0 Liaison to the City Departments and beach erosion concerns.

Ken Jobe expressed his disappointment with the city council reception to the neighborhood concerns at the last "open mike" session of city council.

The Petition signed by many neighbors will either be presented at city council tomorrow night or presented to the city clerk. Jack Hurley and Ken Jobe are working on the presentation.

Clair Yoder discussed recent efforts by neighbors to the issue of beach erosion and the goals of protecting the ocean front neighbors from home damage due to the current situation as well as preserve the beach for the city. Clair and Ken believe the city may be over dredging the inlet to feed sand to the "big beach" at the oceanfront which causes a loss of protection and a narrowing of Croatan Beach. A meeting is being held tomorrow with Dr. Stark, a Geotechnical Physicist specializing in coastal engineering to see if a study could be conducted or if she could present independent finding from a study conducted by a consultant hired by the city. Ken felt that the city's efforts to update the current 2001 study would be delayed at least one year based on the current process. Clair asked about the process required for the civic league to consider financial support at the appropriate time to assist with the study. Bill Garvey explained our role as mainly a social organization, 50c (3) organization

and not a Homeowners association with power to assess any homeowner but that our board is able to educate the neighbors and with neighborhood support expend some funds if the neighborhood were so inclined but to discuss funding was very premature at this point as the scope and goals of the project were not yet defined. Bill thanked Clair for attending the meeting. No action was taken on this Item as a motion was made by Regina Oswald, seconded by Jim Skarbek and approved to table this item until the September meeting.

5.0 Spring Fling (Larry Kurtz)

A very successful Spring Fling was held with 238 residence and guests in attendance. Bill recognized Larry and Deb Kurtz for the excellent job they did in coordinating the event. The city tax issue was resolved in our favor and despite significant permit issues posed by the city, all were obtained without issue.

6.0 Old or Unfinished Business

Rock n Roll Marathon – Cheryl Garvey and Martha Davenport have volunteered to coordinate this year’s event and detailed plans are underway for the Sunday of Labor Day weekend.

The July 4th Party by Sean Forsyth- Mr. Bob Young praised the event by writing a poem that he read to the Board. (Attached)

7.0 Beach/Lakes/Rudee Inlet Foundation

Katie Ripberger explained how a new Reef with Oyster shells has been installed on the Aquarium property after a two year planning and funding effort and that a second reef is being installed in July. A cleanup project is also planned for September 19th to clean the water area around the Aquarium.

8.0 Logo ware- Sales were the highest ever at the Spring Fling., approximately \$1100 worth. Several people also wished to place orders for additional items.

A planning meeting is being scheduled for November to discuss the long term budget of the league and a marketing plan for membership drive for next year.

Next meeting is scheduled for September 14th, 2015

ALL RESIDENTS ARE WELCOME TO ATTEND, PLEASE PARK IN THE LIBRARY PARKING LOT

Respectfully Submitted,
Vince Donlon, Secretary

I Hear America Singing: Community Is Life Lived Toward Each Other

It is Saturday, late mid-day.
The weatherman has backed off his gloomy forecast of thunder and rain
It is *America the beautiful*.
On foot, I see the bend at Coastal Drive and Virginia Dare
I hear America singing in Croatan
The varied carols I hear
I see the neighbor, the friend, the guest
I see us welcome the stranger.

I hear America singing, Bruce Springsteen booming through the box
Born on the fourth of July! Born on the fourth of July!

As I come closer I see bikes, skateboards, scooters, Segways, bare feet and flip flops
I see tanned faces and bodies of all colors of the rainbow. I see hula's hooping.
I see a young mother holding her baby high above her head and exclaiming
"This is her first 4th of July."
I see baby and mother rejoice.

I see neighbors, older and grayer, even, than I
Feeling the child in them rise up once more
Putting aside the hitch in their giddy-yap
And yelping *I'm a cool rockin' daddy in the USA*

I see a young girl, face painted red, white and blue,
Seated proudly at the wheel of the shiny red fire truck.
Beneath her, I see two firefighters, one male, one female
Move quickly to help a handicapped fellow in and out of the port-a-potty

I see Sean and Lisa, our gracious hosts, everywhere at once
Smiling, trouble shooting, smiling, emptying the trash, doubling back, thanking..

I see a young boy, happy to be dunked again and again
By strong-armed pitchers laughing at the mean-streak in their throws
I see kids with cotton candy camped in their hair, their clothes,
And occasionally even, their mouths.

I see, I smell, I touch, I taste - burgers and dogs and baked beans and slaw
and strange new foods -- unsayable, unspellable -- *quinoa*
but which my kids tell me will keep me alive
as I gorge and gobble at the next table of deserts *to die for*.

I see all heads turned to the spacious skies
To a helicopter dropping drone-fulls of painted peanuts
Which will lead a lucky few to a free ice cream maker or brand new bike .

I see a parade with a unicycle, a face painter, a balloon man
It is inter-dependence day in our small village named for a Native Tribe.
I hear America Singing in Croatan
Singing with open mouths their strong melodious songs
America! America! God shed his grace on thee
And crown thy good with brother hood from sea to shining sea.

bob young, July 4, 2105, Croatan