

## CCL Meeting Minutes

7:00 PM Monday, March 2nd, 2015

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

Present: Bill Garvey, George Horvath, Martha Davenport, Regina Oswald, Vince Donlon, Larry Kurtz, Debra Kurtz, Jim Skarbek. Guests included Marian Kitchin and 8 neighbors from the Oceanfront area.

- 1.0 7:00 Call to order/ Pledge of Allegiance/Roll Call/ Quorum Determination/Introduction
- 2.0 7:05 Approval of prior meeting notes – February 2nd meeting minutes, (Vince Donlon)  
Motion by Deb Kurtz, seconded by Regina Oswald and passed.
- 3.0 7:10 Treasurers Report (Jim Skarbek)  
Jim presented the latest financials and indicated that the book balanced, and that we were still retaining about \$35K in reserves. Discussed was a possible floor of saving at one years' worth of expenses which is close to our current level. Bill Garvey explained the history of our current financial philosophy. Jim discussed budget items yet to be decided including the newsletter. Motion by Martha Davenport, seconded by George Horvath and passed to accept the finance report.
- 4.0 7:45 Liaison to the City Departments and outside concerns (Ken Jobe)  
Committee Reports: Lake Christie report, etc  
Bill commented on Ken's absence as he has decided to resign from the board due to health reasons but has agreed to continue to be our liaison to issues involving Camp Pendleton. Martha Davenport has agreed to be our liaison for issues regarding the City. Sylvia Vance has indicated she will step down as the coordinator for the neighborhood emails. A replacement will be sought.
- 5.0 7:50 Spring Fling (Bill Garvey) June 6, 2015 is the date for the event. The event will be co-chaired by Deb and Larry Kurtz to assist Bill this year. The 10% attendance tax by the City was discussed but it appears we will have to comply with the tax levy.
- 6.0 7:55 Welcome Wagon / Logowear (Katie Ripberger)- no report
- 7.0 8:00 Beach/Lakes- includes Rudee Inlet Foundation (Katie Ripberger)-no report
- 8.0 8:05 Security/Community Patrol (George Horvath) no report as there were no incidents reported.
- 9.0 8:10 Membership/Directory (Martha Davenport) Martha reported that to date we have 76 members paid, 71 renewals and 5 new members. This is about 25% of our projection and on track to date. Membership total is \$5,315 and security fund deposit is \$3965. A new sign to remind neighbors will be placed in Martha front yard soon as it has been created.
- 10.0 8:15 Old or Unfinished Business (Newsletter, front entrance)  
Newsletter-The group suggested this item be tabled until the May meeting when results from the survey with the membership application could be reviewed to see how many members preferred the email distribution versus the current mailing method. Marian Kitchin indicated that 200 newsletters were being sent and of that amount 23 were sent to out of the area residence where Croatan was their second home.

Also discussed was the potential use of sponsors to defray the newsletter cost. The board had resisted this approach in the past to avoid conflict. The idea of email newsletter will be placed in the next newsletter to obtain as much feedback as possible.

Motion to table: Regina Oswalt made the motion, seconded by George Horvath and passed.

Front Entrance – Bill reported that due to weather, Maxwell has been unable to start the project. A suggestion was to lower the current bushes to allow for improved visibility. Bill Garvey will implement this idea.

#### 11.0 8:20 New Business

Snow removal- The idea to plow the street or front entrance was suggested. However, since it is a city street if the CCL hired a contractor we would be assuming greater liability. No action was taken on this item.

New Arena – Ken Jobe had passed on a letter from the president of the Seatack neighborhood formally opposing the plans for the new arena because of traffic concerns inhibiting emergency vehicle. The discussion was that Croatan did not have the same issues and at this point as plans by the city have not been developed that is was pre-mature and perhaps not appropriate for our board to take any action. No action was taken on this item.

Beach Erosion Issue- Neighbors attending the meeting expressed their concern about the Beach at Croatan continuing to erode and the lack of a plan by the city to correct the situation. Tom Prichard provided a detailed history of this issue and explained the unique position the neighborhood was in to ask the city to not only maintain our beach as they are required to do by permit with the state but also expand our beach as they had done with the North End and Resort area. Tom described the conversations over the years between city staff and various neighbors to try to have agreement on the solution, one of which is to repair and extend the weir and or change the dredge practices. He explained that bringing in sand or asking the neighborhood to agree to a tax was definitely not the right approach. Mr. John Franklin (an attorney and past president of CCL) and other neighbors have been very active in obtaining information to develop a plan to address the issues with the city. Bringing public pressure through the media was also discussed as an approach that could be employed. Aerial photo's of Croatan and the North End was also suggested. The board decided to invite Mr. Franklin, and our representative on city council, Mr. John Urn to our next meeting, scheduled for May 4<sup>th</sup>. A response from the City from Dave Hanson was expected to be received prior to the May 4<sup>th</sup> meeting.

The Board will review the “permit” provided by Tom Prichard prior to the meeting to better understand the City's obligations regarding this matter.

Meeting adjourned at 8:30 p.m. Motion by Regina Oswalt, Seconded by Larry Kurtz, passed.

Respectfully Submitted,

Vince Donlon, Secretary

Next meeting is scheduled for April 6th, 2015

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