

# Croatan Civic League Meeting Minutes

November 2nd, 2015

Virginia Beach Rescue Squad building,

7:00 pm- Call to order/ Pledge of Allegiance/Roll Call/ Quorum Determination/Introduction

9 of 11 Board members were present. Mr. Garvey welcomed new Board members Bob Lougen and Amanda Robinson. Board Members present: Bill Garvey, Mike Kelly, Martha Davenport, Katie Ripberger, Larry Kurtz, Debra Kurtz, Vince Donlon, Amanda Robinson, Bob Lougen.

1.0 Approval of prior meeting notes – Oct 5 meeting minutes were approved.

2.0 John Uhrin- a member of City Council for over 10 years presents his effort and plans to present a proposal to the city to fund a study and to request a permit change to pump sand from the sand trap onto Croatan beach during the winter months. He presented a draft of the Shoreline protection study request that would go to the city for approval and asked the Board for input, comment and then a formal motion of support. He emphasized the need is for home protection and that he would need scientific evidence gleaned from such a study to advance hopefully a federal grant to correct the situation permanently. He expected the study to cost approximately \$40,000 and had a recent meeting with City Staff receiving their support for the effort. He also said that city staff would be made available to a committee of the Civic League to review the proposal.

Seventeen residents were in attendance in addition to the board members. Several expressed their concern for the safety of their homes on the oceanfront and the need to proceed very quickly. The idea of pumping sand from the trap during the winter was well received by the group as a hopeful approach. One resident was Chuck Kubic, a retired Admiral that was responsible for an effort 20 years ago to study, and create a system to protect the beach and structures on the Dam Neck base. He explained what he thought was necessary and agreed to assist Mike Kelly in responding to the Study proposal presented by Mr. Uhrin. Also questioned was the amount of sand the permit allows to be dredged and how this amount has increased over the years. A need for a scientific base line of how this amount was determined was needed.

The Board appointed a committee to be chaired by Mike Kelly to respond to the request and asked interested residence to express their interest in serving on the committee. The committee will report to the Board.

3.0 Liaison to the City Departments and outside concerns (Ken Jobe)

A written report was sent by email and is contained in the November 2015 CCL newsletter.

4.0 Officer Elections

a. President - Bill Garvey-Motion made (Debra Kurtz), Seconded and passed unanimously.

b. Vice President- Mike Kelly- Motion made by Bill Garvey, seconded Bob Lougen, and passed unanimously.

c. Treasurer-Jim Skarbek –Motion Bill Garvey, Seconded Martha Davenport, Passed.

Due to Mr. Skarbek employment relocation, we anticipate a replacement being sought to serve this position moving forward.

d. Secretary – Vince Donlon- Motion by Bill Garvey, Seconded Debra Kurtz, passed unanimously.

- 5.0 Welcome Wagon/Logowear -Katie Ripberger reported on the orders for logoware and the distribution of two welcome wagon baskets. Bill offered to sell logoware this Saturday from his garage.
- 6.0 Beach/Lakes- includes Rudee Inlet Foundation -Katie Ripberger reported that the foundation is revamping its organization by redoing its website. Plans are set for dedication of the Oyster Reef project at the aquarium.
- 7.0 Annual Dinner Wrap-up / Spring Fling 2016-Bill Garvey reported on the success of the event. 65 neighbors were in attendance. The cost per person was \$75, with \$50 being paid by the Civic league. The board discussed ways to improve the event for next year. Spring Fling for 2016 is scheduled for June 4<sup>th</sup>.
- 8.0 Security/Community Patrol -Mike Kelly reported very little activity involving crime in the neighborhood. Mike discussed the need to review the budget for next year as the \$12,000 dedicated for this activity was running short at year end. Efforts to educate the neighborhood and new neighbors on this service were discussed as the officer does more than traffic speed control. Bill Garvey will verify with Mr. Skarbek the \$3420 as a carry-over amount in the security fund and ask for a separate email motion to obtain approval to used CCL funds to cover this amount to maintain the service through year end.
- 9.0 Membership/Directory/ Email system-Martha Davenport reported we have 253 members, new membership applications are prepared and will be sent out January 1. Dues is \$75 family, \$40 individual. The new Email system was rolled out and of the 500 emails sent the first time, 218 were read.
- 10.0 Old or Unfinished Business –
- Clean-Up Project- Cheryl Garvey is coordinating a clean-up on November 7 for the Bridge area and front entrance area.
  - Mr. Miles Pocta, President of MAP environmental Inc. withdrew his proposal that was presented at the October 5<sup>th</sup> meeting. Mr. Garvey thanked him for his efforts and Mr. Kelly plans to invite him to collaborate with our committee dealing with the beach erosion issue.

Respectfully Submitted,  
Vince Donlon, Secretary

Next meeting is scheduled for January 4<sup>th</sup>, 2016  
**ALL RESIDENTS ARE INVITED TO ATTEND.**

Guests:

Bob Young  
Jan and Jim Perriello  
Norma Hecut  
R. D. Kassir  
Lee Root  
Cathy Callahan

Donna Skidmore  
Chuck Kubic  
Leslie Hamilton  
Linda Cahill  
Wes Laine  
Ken Jobe

Tom Pritchard  
Margaret Roomsburg  
Cynthia Rickman  
Joel Texter