

Croatan Civic League

Meeting Minutes 7:00 PM Monday, October 5th 2015

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

1.0 7:00 Call to order/ Pledge of Allegiance/Roll Call/ Quorum Determination/Introduction
6 of 9 Board members were present.

Bill Garvey, Mike Kelly, Regina Oswald, Vince Donlon, Larry Kurtz, Debra Kurtz were present.

Bill welcomed Mike Kelly on his election to the board and position as Vice President.

2.0 Beach Erosion Issue- Ken Jobe introduced the subject with comments about the recent storm damage and a newspaper article about the budget issues with the City.

He then introduced Myles Pocta , President of MAP environmental, Inc. and Mr. Andrew Pocta his associate. Mr. Pocta presented his firms experience with environment and beach nourishment projects. He then focused on an approach to work with City Staff and City council to update the 2002 study regarding the Rudee Inlet, Beach erosion, dredging and the Rudee Inlet Jetty system.. Residence in attendance questioned what has changed in recent years to cause the issue? While the North End, Sandbridge, the Resort area and the base have all been built up with sand, Croatan beach has seen a significant erosion. Mr. Pocta did not specify one item that would answer that question at this time. He presented a detailed proposal with an estimated cost of not to exceed \$10,000 for phase I and provided a list of deliverables that would be accomplished in a few months. He did emphasize that this would be a long term project to garner support from the city and federal government to address the recommendation coming forth from the study and obtaining the concurrence from other experts employed by the city. Several neighbors expressed the need for immediate attention to the issue. Mr. Jobe explained the process the City took the last time to assess the situation and eventually bring in Sand to replenish the dunes. However all agreed this did not address the real issue causing the erosion.

Mr. Tom Pritchard gave his prospective and history on the issue, and felt that a legal solution should be investigated as an alternative. Tom explained how the PERMIT which allows the dredging of Rudee Inlet requires Croatan Beach to be maintained.

Mr. Garvey thanked Mr. Pocta for his proposal. No decisions were made on the matter as he suggested a further strategy meeting be schedule soon to consider the proposal and alternative approaches.

Mr. Jobe suggested some goals be outlined and Bill Garvey recommended a survey be taken November 1 to assess support from members of the Croatan Civic League on this issue.

Goals included 1. Keeping Rudee inlet open, 2. Keeping the dune high enough 3. Keeping Beach wide enough to protect the beach, 4. Keeping the beach wide enough to meet recreational demands. Suggested that beach safety also be added with Garbage trucks having room to maneuver on the beach.

The board reviewed the original purpose of the Civic league as a neighborhood club, providing security, newsletters and social events and questioned our active role as a subset of the larger neighborhood. Significant neighborhood input and support would be required for our Civic league to consider prior to the board making a decision.

Regina Oswald volunteered to obtain a copy of the permit from Mr Pritchard to further investigate. It was suggested that Mr. John Franklin, Atty, be asked if the CCL board had the authority to spend dues funds on

any of the approaches suggested under our 501(c)3 status with the IRS or should a neighborhood set up a separate organization to address this project.

Next meeting is being scheduled for October 13th as a strategy session on the beach erosion issue.

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

Respectfully Submitted,

Vince Donlon, Secretary

Attachments: MAP Environmental Inc. Proposal #P15147

CCL members in Attendance

Jim Perriello

Bob Lougen

Richard Stravitz

Kathy Thompson

Cathy Callahan

Chris Suit

Ken Jobe

Tom Pritchard

Cheryl Garvey

Jane Kelly

Jan Perriello

Leslie Hamilton

Wanda Iliff

Bernie Iliff

Amanda Robinson

Larry Ayers

Priscilla Rabb Ayers