

Croatan Civic League Meeting Minutes
09/12/2016
Virginia Beach Rescue Squad Building

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

8 of 11 Board Members were present: Bill Garvey, Vince Donlon, Amanda Robinson, Bob Lougen, Billy Moore, Larry Kurtz, Debra Kurtz, and Mike Kelly.

1.0 Approval of prior meeting notes -August 1st notes were approved as distributed. (Motion Bob Lougen, seconded by Amanda Robinson, motion: passed)

2.0 Treasurer report - Billy Moore - Billy presented his analysis of the current status of revenue and expenses. Major expense coming up is insurance premiums for Directors and officers, liability and workers compensation. We are required to have workers comp to cover Officer Noah and Liability for CCL events. All agreed we should analyze every few years to see if we can obtain a better premium and review what is covered under the policy. Billy will contact our current broker, the Friedman Agency and ask for a presentation prior to the policy cancellation date.

Motion: accept the treasurer report, by Amanda Robinson, seconded Bob Lougen and passed.

3.0 Liaison to the City Departments and outside concerns- Ken Jobe submitted a report via email to the board.

4.0 Welcome Wagon- no report.
Logo ware- no report.

5.0 Security- Mike Kelly reported two events. A breaking and entering on a residence under construction renovation and a simple battery for a fight. Mike is managing the security hours to match a minimal shortfall from budget for the security fund.

6.0 Beach Erosion/Improvement Project: Mr. Kelly expects to receive a report from the city by the end of the month on the 20k 408 study. The City is going to implement to 10k sand replenishment this month. October is the timeframe to expect the study to be complete. Mike is giving a detailed status update after this meeting tonight to interested neighbors.

7.0 Membership/Directory-Billy Moore reported that efforts will be made to have a comprehensive directory to include each residence in neighborhood.

8.0 Fall Ball- Bill Garvey reported the event will be held 10/21/16 Shifting Sands at Dam Neck. The flyer has been distributed and will be in the next newsletter.

10.0 Rock n Roll Marathon. Bill Garvey reported on a successful event and recognized Cheryl Garvey for her hard work. Our theme was "superheroes". Bill reported that Cheryl arranged for 4000 icy pops to be donated and how appreciative the runners were. He thought the post

hurricane weather hurt attendance for the turnout from neighbors and runners. Our neighborhood came in 3rd place in the competition.

11.0 Old Business- Bill Garvey read a letter from the City officially exempting CCL as a non-profit from paying an admission tax for spring fling attendees.

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Clair Yoder raised the issue of who is on the beach erosion committee and role of the committee and work group. She felt a clarification was necessary to differentiate roles for the committee and work group. Mike Kelly acknowledged her point and provided an explanation of the sequence of the past meetings of each group and the efforts to communicate and be transparent. No action was taken on this item.

On-line Home Rentals- Mike Kelly is serving on an ad hoc committee to provide the City with comments and suggestions on pending legislation at the State level to regulate or not short term rentals of residential property. He presented a slide presentation from a recent City meeting to explain the issue. Fifteen or more companies advertise short term rental such as Airb&b to individuals who are not licensed as a business or have to comply with state or city fire and safety regulations. As many as 1500 homes were rented last year in Virginia Beach for short term as either a room or whole house. The State Law, as proposed, focuses on all OnLine Hosting Platforms supporting primary residences used as short-term rentals and those renting rooms. The State of Virginia would collect all associated "rental taxes" and reimburse the local governments. The concern is that the proposed law would not provide the names of owners renting out their property. This becomes an accountability and endorsement problem for the City of Virginia Beach from both a zoning and health/safety prospective. The use of On-Line Hosting platforms will expand and this law will pass in some form. The focus for Croatan and all of Virginia Beach is to ensure that the City re-writes the current zoning regulations because at this time, there is no specific guidance on Short-Term Rentals. The second item is that the City hire more inspectors to ensure that properties being rented through On-Line mechanisms are in compliance with all governing rules and regulations.

CCL Board voted to take a position on this issue as many felt homeowners would not want this unregulated business as neighbors. The board asked Mike Kelly to draft a proposed letter to the City to provide our input and to circulate a draft that could be potentially adopted by the board.

Meeting adjourned 8:55 pm

Respectfully Submitted,
Vince Donlon, Secretary

