

## Chesapeake Beach Civic League

March 19, 2018

President TJ Morgan opened the meeting at 7:00 pm.

Barbara Woodlee presented the minutes of the previous meeting. No changes were requested. Minutes were unanimously approved.

Rommel Tamayo reported on the beach replenishment effort. He said work could begin as early as May, with work continuing throughout the summer. The expectation is that the improvement to the beach will be 50 to 100 additional feet on the west side of the Bridge and as much as 100 to 300 feet on the east side. Rommel will answer questions from area residents. His telephone number is 757-385-4511.

Mark Walker gave a report from the Architectural Preservation and Zoning Committee. A variance has been requested at 2509 Chubb Lake Avenue. The owner wishes to build an addition to the cottage, adding 500 sq. ft. to the existing 800. The Committee supports the request.

Charlee Gowin presented a new Chesapeake Beach Civic League banner, which lists our various sponsors. Currently, we have 11 corporate sponsors, 10 business sponsors, and three sponsors in the friend category.

Bruce Husselbee gave the Clean Community Committee report. The next clean-up event will be held on March 31 at 9:00 am. The group meets at the corner of Pleasure House and Lookout Road. Please bring gloves. The work requires an hour to an hour and a half. Volunteers are needed.

TJ Morgan noted that next year will be the Community's 100 birthday. He called for volunteers to serve on a planning committee. Kathy Damon, Wally Damon, Tanya Barnes, Steve Newchok, Charlee Gowin, and Robyn Bailey volunteered. (Secretary's note: I fear I may have missed others. Please let me know if you volunteered and your name does not appear here. We need your help. Thank you.)

Charlee Gowin reported on the Little Libraries. She needs books and has placed a box on her front porch to collect donations. Jim Woodlee will install spring loaded hinges on the three libraries, as door have opened in storms resulting in some damage.

Cami Best-Jones provided a Membership report. She summarized the advantages of membership and encouraged new members. Cami explained how to access the list of businesses providing discounts to Civic League members. Information can be found at the website.

Becky Bump gave a Merchandising update. Winter items are still available at Junior Market on Lookout Road.

Jenny Williams spoke on behalf of the Neighborhood Watch Program. She encouraged people to say something when they see something out of place, something that doesn't seem right. She indicated that cars in the area have been broken into and that people should remove valuables before locking their cars. Some people have reported such break ins on Nextdoor rather than calling Police. It is important to report these incidents to the Police. Jenny, also, invited individuals to join Neighborhood Watch by completing the application at the website.

Jim Woodlee reported that the next awards from the Pride in Community Committee will be made in late May or early June. More information will be provided shortly.

TJ Morgan reported that Mermaid Winery is now a sponsor. The Executive Board will be holding meetings in the function room of the Winery on Shore Drive.

Melissa Griffith indicated that she hopes to complete the Newsletter by the end of March for April distribution.

Robyn Bailey will feature information about Chesapeake Beach Civic League sponsors on Nextdoor.

Chris Herge has made improvements to the website. TJ thanked Melissa, Robyn and Chris for their great work.

TJ reported that the Oliver and Robertson families will continue the planning effort for the summer picnic.

Becky Bump gave a report from the Recurrent Flooding Committee. The City has established an Adopt-A-Drain Program. There are some 40,000 drains in Virginia Beach. Residents can sign up, report problems and log the hours they spend cleaning it with an online mapping tool. The City doesn't expect residents to do major maintenance. Big problems should be reported, but residents can do simple fixes like making sure things like leaves or debris aren't blocking the exterior of the drain. The Program will help more with water quality than flooding, but keeping drains clear can help with localized flooding, like when puddles form at intersections. More information can be found at the City's website.

Dan Hawthorne gave an update on the efforts of the new Traffic and Safety Committee. The stop sign near Zia Marie's is missing. There is a petition to create sidewalks on the north side of Lookout Road. It was suggested that the League send a letter of support to the City for the

proposed sidewalks. President TJ Morgan encouraged Dan to pursue the installation of speed tables on Lookout Road.

Brad Sike is now the President of the Virginia Beach Council of Civic Organizations. The most recent meeting of this organization was devoted to budget matters.

Melissa Pulling requested volunteers for the 5K Race event. She has a wide range of roles people can fill both in preparation for the Race and on the day of the Race. These volunteer opportunities are listed at the website, where people may sign up. It was noted that a party will be held for volunteers to thank them.

Pastor Rob Edwards reported on the Easter Egg Hunt scheduled for Saturday afternoon, March 31. The event will be held from 1:00 to 2:30 at the Bayside Christian Church, 2224 Greenwell Drive. Donations of wrapped candy that will fit in plastic eggs are needed, as are prizes for both children and adults.

Wende Wiles gave the Treasurer's Report. She presented preliminary budget figures and asked for people to review them and to offer suggestions and corrections. The document was unanimously approved with changes from the floor.

Mark Walker noted that the existing Chesapeake Beach sign needs repainting. Wally Damon, Kathy Damon and Robyn Bailey volunteered to paint it. Wally reported that the City will place one sign in the median strip.

TJ Morgan led a brief discussion regarding the 100<sup>th</sup> Birthday Planning effort. The actual date is October 14, 1919, but the Committee can work on events for a year-long celebration. He appointed an ad hoc committee (noted earlier in the minutes.)

The meeting was adjourned at 8:45.