

Chesapeake Beach Civic League
General Meeting
April 16, 2018

President TJ Morgan opened the meeting at 7:10 pm.

Barbara Woodlee asked for any changes to the minutes of the March 19, 2018 General Meeting. There being none, Wally Damon made a motion to approve the minutes as presented. Jim Woodlee offered a second to the motion, and the minutes were unanimously approved.

TJ Morgan gave an update on the Chesapeake Beach Nourishment Project, with a report from Daniel Adams. The City's dredging/beach nourishment contractor is Great Lakes Dredge and Dock. The contractor plans to start mobilization by land at the Fentress access this week. Pipe, bulldozers, and other equipment will begin arriving on the beach shortly. The contractor plans to start the dragging and beach fill operation next week, an operation that is expected to last two to three weeks with good weather. They ask beachfront property owners to remove all recreational water craft and beach use equipment from the beach before Sunday, April 22, 2018. A project information meeting will be held on Wednesday, April 25, from 6:00 pm to 8:00 pm at Hermitage Elementary School.

Brad Martin spoke about his newly launched campaign for the Bayside seat on the City Council. He is a civil engineer from Baylake Pines. He is particularly interested in issues around recurrent flooding, transportation and infrastructure. His name will appear on the November ballot.

Michelle Zimmerman raised the issue of recurrent flooding vs. development and asked Mr. Martin if he supported the Green Line. He responded yes.

TJ Morgan welcomed new members of the Chesapeake Beach Civic League and first-time attenders of the General Meeting.

Matt Baumgarten gave the Architectural and Zoning Committee Report. The project at 2509 Chubb Lake Avenue was approved.

In Robyn Bailey's absence, Wally Damon provided a brief update from the Bayfront Advisory Committee. No new initiatives were reported.

TJ Morgan acknowledged a new Civic League sponsor, Duncan Beyers of Pender and Coward. TJ recognized the good work of Charlee Gowin in obtaining new sponsors.

Cami Best-Jones gave a report on membership. She reviewed the benefits of membership and informed the group of the list of discounts at the website. Cami encourages businesses to help

add value to membership by adding discounts. Individual membership costs \$10.00, and family membership is \$15.00.

In Becky Bumps's absence, TJ Morgan reminded members that Civic League merchandise is available at Junior Market.

Jenny Williams gave a brief overview of the Neighborhood Watch Program and encouraged members' participation. She presented a brochure, as well as a handout on Layering Home Security. These documents will be available at the website.

Wally Damon noted that people are speeding by school buses. He cited a particular incident that occurred on Greenwell. He is worried about the safety of children getting off the buses and believes bus driver need to caution students frequently. Wally reminded people to report safety and traffic issues at 385-4131, the number Police have designated for non-emergencies.

Jenny Williams reported information she received from Officer O'Hara at the Third Precinct. There is no overtime to allow Officer O'Hara to attend our meetings. Officers will be assigned to Chic's Beach during the summer. Details are as yet not available.

Curtis Bailey reported on water quality in our lakes. Quality has been good. He warned against swimming in some areas without good skills, as drowning is a danger.

Roger walk reported plans to make awards from the Pride in Community Committee in middle to late May. He will post dates on Nextdoor.

TJ Morgan reported promoting the 5K Race on Facebook. He asked for suggestions regarding the Facebook page.

Curtis Bailey asked that anyone not receiving a newsletter in the upcoming mailing, let us know. We can then correct addresses on the distribution list used in the bulk mailing.

The door hangers containing information about the 5K Race and the summer picnic will be placed on doors roughly two weeks before the Race. Volunteers will be needed to distribute them. Please let Melissa Pulling know if you are willing to distribute the door hangers in your neighborhood. She anticipates the distribution taking place on May 18 to 19.

Chris Herge noted the Newsletter has been placed on the website.

Wally Damon is inviting engineers to speak at our August meeting. He encouraged those who are interested in learning about projects such as the Lesner Bridge work, attend a meeting on April 30 at the Old Ocean Park Fire Department.

Pastor Rob Edwards gave a report on the Easter Egg Hunt. There were some 125 children in attendance. Door prizes were awarded to adults that included gift certificates for wine and

coffee. Pastor Rob is actively recruiting a bunny for next year, as the Civic League now owns the bunny costume. The cost of the event was \$146.76.

Amy Bouchard reported on the planning effort for the 5K. She encouraged runners to register now online. Amy also asked for volunteers, which are needed in a number of capacities. Please contact Melissa Pulling with your interest, and she will make the volunteer assignment for you.

Pastor Rob Edwards announced the availability of a shuttle to operate from the Shopping Center parking lot to Commonwealth Brewery, where the starting line for the race will be.

Melissa Pulling reported that the National Night Out event will be held on August 7 in front of Jr. Market. The August 7 date is firm, rain or shine. National Night Out connects area residents with law enforcement officers and emergency responders from the various departments. It is an opportunity to show our appreciation for the work they do and to build understanding. There will be many exhibits for children.

Amy Oliver reported on work she is doing to plan the Summer Picnic. It will be held on the lawn of the Church on Greenwell, a change from last year. She believes the new location will greatly increase participation. The planning number is 275 people. Wicked Good BBQ and Catering will provide the lunch. Amy needs tents for the event. Please contact her if you have one you are able to lend her for this event.

Pastor Rob indicated work is underway to replace the tree for the Grand Illumination event.

Wally Damon noted changes to the HRT Bus Route schedule. In an effort to attract residents to the Oceanfront, buses will run every half an hour. Seniors ride for \$1.00, and others for \$2.00. Children under 17 years of age ride for free. The new schedule starts May 20 and will run between 8:00 am and 8:00 pm.

Duncan Beyers alerted the group that Domino's Pizza will deliver to certain stops along the beach, where people can go to pick up their orders. He raised the question as to whether or not the League wished to have input to the number and locations of these stops. Should there be some effort to control the number and locations of these deliveries?

Matt Baumgarten will check the status of proposed sidewalks along Lookout Road and report to the next General Meeting. Wally Damon advised concerned residents to write letters to the Editor and to make phone calls to the City in an effort to move this initiative forward.

The meeting was adjourned at 8:10 pm.

