

Chesapeake Beach Civic League General Meeting  
May 21, 2018

President TJ Morgan called the meeting to order at 7:00 p.m. There were 59 people in attendance.

Wally Damon gave an update from the Shore Drive Community Coalition. Kathy Damon is the new Secretary to the organization. A request has been made to maintain the Lynnhaven wharf as a permanent site. Bus Route 35 began yesterday, running from Pleasure House to Rudee Inlet. The cost for the trip is \$1.00 for seniors and \$2.00 for others. Youngsters under the age of 17 may ride free with a paying adult. Riders may take their bicycles on the bus.

Wally shared the site plan for the art installation at Lesner Bridge, a result of \$350,000 in donations.

Jenny Williams introduced three police officers who will be engaged in the Chic's Beach Community this summer. Mike Geluso described a Partners with Communities initiative and invited input regarding concerns needing attention. Concerns ranged from illegal parking on private property to confusion concerning areas open to golf carts. Mike indicated the Police are working to understand the rules and the areas designated for golf cart use. He advised golf cart drivers to carry credentials from the City. Mike will email a map of approved streets to TJ Morgan.

Several questions were raised concerning noise late at night and the creation of party houses. Police will respond to complaints. Mike agreed to meet with the owner of one such house. He explained the shortage of manpower that causes some delays and asked that residents "continue to have faith in us." The Police will work with us to develop solutions to problems and are open to input. Officers can be reached as follows:

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The groups asked Police for an aggressive effort to address illegal parking issues at the start of summer, an effort that hopefully will set the tone for the remainder of the summer.

Mike advised people to use seeclickfix.com, a phone app to alert the City to problems such as damaged or missing signage.

The minutes of the previous meeting were reviewed and unanimously approved.

Matt Baumgarten and Mark Walker provided a report from the Architectural Preservation and Zoning Committee. There is a request from a homeowner on Lauderdale Avenue to build a shed. There are ongoing issues concerning parking in the area of the Patriot Pub.

In Robyn Bailey's absence, Curtis Bailey gave a report from the Bayfront Advisory Commission. The sand replenishment is complete. The water area by Buoy 44 will be fixed in two weeks. There will be a submerged pipe going out 150 feet to help with the drainage problem. The Virginia Beach Conference Center on Shore Drive has been purchased by Marriot.

Virginia Beach Wave & Bayfront shuttle is now running from here to First Landing, Ocean Front, and Rudee Inlet. The service will run from May 20 to Labor Day, from 8:00 a.m. until midnight, with buses scheduled every 30 minutes. There are one and three day passes available. More information is available at Hampton Roads Transit.

Shore Drive roads on our side of Lesner Bridge will be fixed when the Bridge is complete.

Charlee Gowin reported a new corporate sponsor, Duncan Beyers of Pender and Coward. TJ noted that we now have more sponsors than ever before and commended Charlee on her great work. Charlee encouraged members to use these sponsors' businesses whenever possible. It is important to keep business in the neighborhood.

Charlee Gowin reported a great need for books for the Little Libraries. There is a particularly great need for children's books. Donations may be left at Charlee's house, brought to meetings, or left in the Little Libraries themselves.

Cami Best-Jones informed the meeting that the League now has 260 members, a significant increase over last year. TJ noted Cami's work in making that so. Cami reviewed the benefits of membership and encouraged additional businesses to provide discounts to League members. A full list of discounts can be found at the League's website.

Becky Bump has ordered summer merchandize for sale in the League's corner at Junior Market. She recently deposited \$486.00 from the sale of merchandize and indicates this effort has proven quite beneficial to the League.

Jenny Williams announced a Neighborhood Watch event for June 4, 2018, at her home on 4904 Lauderdale Avenue from 6 :00 p.m. to 7:30 p.m. All are welcome. Jenny distributed materials for the membership's review. "Call It In" describes suspicious activity that residents should note. A second informational piece describes the need for block captains and the role they play in keeping our neighborhoods safe. Both documents may be found at the Chesapeake Beach Civic League website. Anyone wishing to serve as a block captain should contact Jenny Williams.

Curtis Bailey reported that the water quality in Lake Joyce is good. Becky Bump added that Chubb Lake also looks good at present.

Roger Walk announced Pride in Community Award winners for the Eastside. They are the Hollands at 4508 Lee Avenue and the Shields at 4532 Guam Street. Jim Woodlee announced the winners for the Westside. The addresses are 6 Bradford Pt. and 4952 Athens Blvd. An honorable mention has been awarded to 4937 Athens Blvd. Information about the winners and their gardens will be available in the next Newsletter.

Chris Herge indicated he will post at the website a map showing areas where golf carts can be used.

Saturday, May 26, 2018, is a scheduled clean-up day. Volunteers will meet at 9:00 am at the corner of Lookout and Pleasure House roads.

Becky Bump and Michele Zimmerman gave a report from the Recurrent Flooding Committee. Becky was pleased with the response from the City Wetlands Board, which voted 7 to 0 to approve the permit to dredge the Chubb Lake canal that flows from north to south into Little Creek. This area had not been maintained and now has vegetation impeding the flow. Michele stressed the importance of this measure and how much work had been done to reach this point.

Amy Bouchard and TJ Morgan briefed the membership on preparations for the Low Rent 5K Race. There are 176 runners registered to date. Please help get the word out. The Committee's goal is 500 runners. Help is needed, also, in spreading the word about road closures. Runners may pick up race packets at 4:30 on Friday, the day before the Race. Registration is also available at that time.

Melissa Pulling requested volunteers to distribute door hangers this weekend. She also needs help with yard signs. There are many volunteer opportunities on Race weekend and at the picnic on June 2, 2018. Volunteers are needed to assist Amy Oliver in setting up for the Picnic. Volunteers are needed for the dunk tank and children's games. (Pastor Rob has volunteered his time in the dunk tank.) Ten by ten tents are needed as well. Please contact Amy Oliver if you are able to lend a tent for this event.

There will be a party for Race volunteers on June 7. More information will be available shortly.

A name was drawn from those registered for the Race. Whitney Thompson won the \$100.00 prize.

Dan Hawthorne reported on progress regarding initiatives to address traffic issues on Lookout Road. He noted that the City is looking at speed tables for this area. There is no progress as yet on the installation of sidewalks.

Brad Sikes gave a report from the Virginia Beach Council of Civic Organizations. Brad is now President of the Organization. At their most recent meeting, the Council received a report from

the Police Department about problems associated with College Weekend. The reduced number of problems was a result of the City's improved planning. The next meeting of the Council is scheduled for June 18, 1018 at 7:00 pm. Meetings are held at the Myra Orenduf Library.

Wende Wiles gave the Treasurer's report, which is attached to the minutes. Race expenses will appear in the next report.

The meeting was adjourned at 9:10 pm.