

## Chesapeake Beach Civic League General Meeting Minutes of 19 November 2009

- 1) The meeting was **called to order** at 7:03 p.m.
- 2) The following officers and committee chairs were in **attendance** at the meeting:  
President & Neighborhood Park and Lakes Committee Chair – Heidi Janicki  
Vice President – Brad Sike  
Secretary & Webmaster – Bob Costello  
Treasurer – Pat Costello  
Architectural Preservation & Zoning – Bruce Johnson  
Bayfront Advisory Committee (BAC) Liaison & Historian – Wally Damon  
Block Captains Committee Co-Chair – Linda Jarman  
Block Captains Area Captain – Michelle Zimmerman  
Business Liaison & Newsletter Editor – Kim Schmidt  
Meeting Coordinator – Jackie Robertson  
Merchandising Committee Chair – Kathy Damon  
Safety & Neighborhood Watch Committee Chair – Chris Norton & Darren Buss  
Shore Drive Community Coalition Liaison & Safety & Neighborhood Watch Committee Tri-Chair –  
Steve Kohler

Also in attendance were 49 other voting members, for a total of 76 voting members, establishing a quorum for conducting business.

- 3) President Janicki **opened the meeting, welcomed** the members in attendance, and **introduced the Executive Board.**
- 4) The **Pledge of Allegiance** was said.
- 5) **Corporate sponsors were acknowledged** by Brad Sike.
- 6) **Announcements:**
  - a) Jackie Robertson announced the plans for the Holiday Party:
    - i) Set up will take place on Saturday November 28<sup>th</sup> at noon.
    - b) Stephen Michaels & Sarah Houck discussed their efforts to get bayfront property owners to sign paperwork granting easements to the city of VA Beach to enable the city to replenish the sand along Chesapeake Beach.
      - i) Another meeting will be held in January at *1 Fish - 2 Fish* for bayfront property owners.
- 7) **President's Report:** President Janicki reviewed the mission of the CBCL per our constitution.
- 8) **Reading and approval of Minutes:** Secretary Bob Costello read the minutes from the October 16, 2009 Working Meeting. The minutes were approved for the record.
- 9) **Treasurer's Report:** Treasurer Pat Costello reviewed the Treasurer's report, which is attached below.
- 10) **Old Business:**
  - a) Green Parrot Grill (hereafter referred to as GPG):
    - i) Heidi Janicki presented the following additional background information:
      - (1) The ABC hearing on violations scheduled for Dec 1<sup>st</sup> at 11:00 am was postponed. A decision on the date for the violations hearing will be made later. The ABC hearing for the

new liquor license for GPG will only be scheduled after the hearing for violations is determined.

ii) Bruce Johnson stated that the GPG has submitted a letter to the city's planning department concerning modifications to the patio, deck, and roof. Once the city Planning, Zoning, Fire, & Police review this, it will be scheduled for a City Council hearing, probably on January 26<sup>th</sup>. A sign will be posted at GPG. Also, a City Council hearing is being scheduled for HK for their awning. That will probably take place in February.

**iii) Beetle Bailey made a motion to bring Brian Camden's motion to support the GPG's application for a new liquor license off the table and in front of the meeting. That motion was seconded. 27 voted in favor of taking it off the table and 37 voted against taking it off the table. As a result, the motion died.**

iv) Laurie Richards presented on behalf of the GPG information that they will be installing professionally designed sound boards to be inserted in the windows to the south and east prior to any entertainment performing at the establishment. She is taking efforts to reduce the sound problems. She wants her establishment to be treated the same as HK by the Bay. She stated that the original agent approved their current sound system.

v) Tracy Hall asked for the GPG to be treated the same as any other business in Chesapeake Beach.

b) CXB Trademark Application

i) Kim Schmidt reviewed the information in the attached handout.

ii) **A motion was made and seconded to spend the money on obtaining a trademark on "CXB". 30 voted in favor, and 6 were opposed, so the motion passed.** Kim Schmidt stated that it would probably be six months before we hear about the progress in our first step.

iii) **A motion was made to amend the prior motion on spending money for obtaining a trademark with specific cost information that we will spend up to \$2,000 on efforts to obtain a trademark on "CXB". 40 voted in favor, and 0 were opposed.**

11) **New Business:**

a) Acceptance of a Department of Environmental Quality mini grant for \$700 for Water Quality Management efforts by our Neighborhood Park and Lakes Committee. Heidi Janicki reported that we have been offered a mini-grant that would give the CBCL \$700 for Water Quality Management.

i) **A motion was made and seconded to accept the \$700 mini grant by the Virginia Department of Environmental Quality to be spent on water quality management in our neighborhood lakes. The motion passed unanimously.**

b) 2009 Donation

i) Kim Schmidt proposed that we contribute to Rescue Squad 4, the Chesapeake Beach Rescue Squad.

ii) Tracy Hall proposed that we donate to the Special Operations Warrior Foundation.

iii) Tracy Hall also recommended contributing to the Doug Barner Memorial TCC Art Scholarship.

iv) **Kathy Damon made a motion to donate \$900 to the Chesapeake Beach Volunteer Rescue Squad (Rescue Squad 4) and \$500 to the Special Operations Warrior Foundation. The motion passed with 37 in favor and 1 opposed.**

- c) 2010 Executive Board Elections
  - i) **President: Heidi Janicki was nominated and elected unanimously.**
  - ii) **Vice President: Brad Sike was nominated and elected unanimously.**
  - iii) **Treasurer: Sharon Gares was nominated and elected unanimously.**
  - iv) **Secretary: Bob Costello was nominated and elected unanimously.**
- d) Storm Damage Assistance:
  - i) Tracy and Dave Hall reported that looters broke into Alexander's after the November Nor'easter.
  - ii) John Huls reported that all of the restaurants were broken into prior to the November Nor'easter.
  - iii) Officer Paul Cahill, liaison from the 3<sup>rd</sup> Police Precinct, reported the following:
    - (1) The police used an undercover team to apprehend some looters after the storm.
    - (2) There were sixty-five calls to the 3<sup>rd</sup> Police Precinct during the storm, which is a very large number for that period of time.
    - (3) Despite the increase in calls to the police and the willingness on the part of police officers to work overtime shifts to respond to all of the calls for assistance, FEMA initially refused to pay for police officer overtime. FEMA, now, is indicating some willingness to cover some of the overtime. The results of this are twofold: first, the police department is being forced to give the officers who worked overtime shifts compensation-time rather than pay for the overtime, and secondly, without the availability of overtime pay, the police department was only able to ask for volunteers to work overtime shifts, meaning that they might have been short the number of police officers needed to deal with the storm assistance requests.
  - iv) Storm damage assistance was further discussed, including a dialogue on the CERT Program, as discussed previously at CBCL meetings.
  - v) It was discussed that the CBCL is not in the business of law enforcement and should not be organizing posses.
  - vi) It was recommended that instead of trying to stop and catch criminals as they are vandalizing businesses and homes after a bad storm or other natural disaster, the CBCL try to establish limited access to the neighborhood by setting up signs and manned roadblocks stating that the neighborhood, or some part of the neighborhood, is closed except to residents. It was discussed that the city should have done that for the Bayfront areas that were damaged rather than leave it to the residents to establish control and law and order on their streets immediately after the storm.
  - vii) **It was discussed that the CBCL should set-up a community connection for storm damage response.** We could connect volunteers with those in need of assistance in our neighborhood as a result of storm damage.
  - viii) **Charlie Coombe volunteered to be the Point Person for damage assistance, and Dave Hall volunteered to assist him.** Dave prefers to be contacted by e-mail.
  - ix) It was recommended that we post information on the web site and write an article for the newsletter.
  - x) Sharon Gares and Wally Damon offered their services to assist with storm damage.

- xi) It was also suggested that Block Captains be requested once or twice per year to note issues in their area of the neighborhood. It was suggested that a “Possible Action Needed Form” or a “punch list” be created for Block Captains to use for the annual/semi-annual task.

## 12) Committee Reports:

### a) *Special Focus Committees:*

- i) Adopt-A-Street/Waterway: Bruce Johnson reported for Chairperson Darryl Stubbs and requested assistance in conducting the clean-up this Saturday at 9:00am.
- ii) Architectural Preservation & Zoning: Nothing to report.
- iii) Historian: Nothing to report.
- iv) Merchandising Committee: Nothing to report.
- v) Neighborhood Park and Lakes Committee: Nothing to report.
- vi) Pride-In-Community Committee: Not present.
- vii) Safety & Neighborhood Watch Committee: In addition to the discussion above about Storm Damage Assistance, Committee Tri-Chair Steve Kohler reported on the following local crimes:
  - (1) There was a break-in at 2:00am into a car.
  - (2) There is a man stalking a woman on Chubb Lake.

### b) *CBCL Operational Committees:*

- i) Block Captains Committee: Linda Jarman reminded members that we need Block Captains for the open streets listed in the *Soundings*.
- ii) Business Liaisons: Nothing to report.
- iii) Meeting Coordinator: Jackie Robertson reminded everyone that she is stepping down at the end of the year, so the CBCL needs to find a new Meeting Coordinator.
- iv) Membership Committee: Position Vacant.
- v) Newsletter Editor: Nothing to report.
- vi) Webmaster: Nothing to report.

### c) *Partnering Organizations:*

- i) Bayfront Advisory Committee (BAC) Liaison: Liaison Wally Damon reported that at the last BAC meeting, Capt. Bill Crowe, USN, from the Joint Expeditionary Base (JEB) discussed the new organization of the Bayfront bases with the Naval Amphibious Base at Little Creek being designated the JEB West Campus and Ft. Story being designated the JEB East Campus. With this new organization, the number of personnel working at the two bases will almost double.
- ii) CCO Representative: Pat Barner provided a November CCO report which is attached below.
- iii) Shore Drive Community Coalition Liaison: Nothing to report.

13) The **meeting adjourned** at 9:02 pm.

Respectfully submitted,

Bob Costello,  
CBCL Secretary