

# Chesapeake Beach Civic League

## General Meeting Minutes of 17 January 2008

- 1) The meeting was **called to order** at 7:05 p.m.
- 2) The following officers and committee chairs were in **attendance** at the meeting:  
President & Pleasure House Lake Chair – Heidi Janicki  
Vice-President – Steve Kohler  
Secretary & Webmaster – Bob Costello  
Treasurer – Pat Costello  
Adopt-A-Street/Waterway Committee Chair – Darryl Stubbs  
Architectural Preservation & Zoning – Mark Walker  
Bayfront Advisory Committee (BAC) Liaison & Historian – Wally Damon  
Business Liaison – Jim Schmidt  
CCO Liaison – Liz Gregory  
Meeting Coordinator – Jackie Robertson  
Membership Chair – Lee Walker  
Newsletter Editor – Kim Schmidt  
Also in attendance were 23 other voting members, for a total of 35 voting members.
- 3) President Janicki **opened** the meeting and **welcomed** the members in attendance.
- 4) The **Pledge of Allegiance** was said.
- 5) **Corporate sponsors were acknowledged** by Jim Schmidt
- 6) **Announcements:** President Janicki introduced Wally Damon who stated that the BAC is holding its meeting tonight at the library Cox High School. They have shifted from monthly afternoon meetings to a quarterly nightly meeting.
- 7) **Vice President's Report:** Vice President Kohler, outgoing President, read the 2007 "Volunteer of the Year" awardees:
  - a) Heidi Janicki
  - b) Mark Walker, and
  - c) Doug Barner
- 8) **Reading and approval of Minutes:** Secretary Costello read the minutes from the January 10, 2008 Working Meeting. The minutes were approved for the record.
- 9) **Secretary's Report:** Secretary Costello addressed the upcoming vote on the new Constitution and By-Laws. He, also, thanked and presented a gift to outgoing President Kohler.
- 10) **Treasurer's Report:** Treasurer Costello read the latest bank balance of \$16,699.00. She reviewed the attached Treasurer's Report for the year of 2007.
- 11) **Old Business:** Vote on Constitution & Bylaws. A motion was made and passed to adopt the new Constitution. A motion was made and passed to adopt the new By-Laws.
- 12) **Guest Speakers:** President Janicki introduced the following speakers:
  - a) Officer Paul Cahill, our liaison to the 3<sup>rd</sup> Police Precinct, who made the following comments:
    - i) Addressing concerns about speeding within the community
      - (1) On Lookout Rd. there were 189 tickets from Dec 1<sup>st</sup> – Jan 14<sup>th</sup>.
      - (2) On Pleasure House Rd. (from Shore Dr. to Lookout Rd) there were 26 summons to court which included the following: 1 reckless driving; 4 DUIs, 1 speeding 1 u-turn; 3 seatbelt violations

- (3) On Shore Drive (from Pleasure House Rd. to Marlin Bay): 27 violations of the seatbelt law (a secondary violation law); 27 speeding; 2 reckless driving; 16 DUIs
- ii) Parking concerns:
  - (1) Near the beach a lot of the parking is permissible only within a certain time
  - (2) They have had to have a couple of cars towed
- b) Chris Ludford, the Fire Captain on “C” shift, who made the following comments:
  - i) The city is working on the purchase of a property on Shore Drive across from Advance Auto for the new Fire & Rescue Squad House. The location choice is based on a study of where fire & rescue responses are needed—the greatest good for the greatest number of people. It may be 2 ½ to 3 years until this is accomplished.
  - ii) He is a civic league leader & SDCC liaison, and he personally opposes increased density developments.

**13) New Business:**

- a) The following Committee Chairs were voted into office for 2008:
  - i) Adopt-a-Street/Waterway Committee – Darryl Stubbs
  - ii) Architectural Preservation and Zoning Committee – Bruce Johnson & Mark Walker
  - iii) Bayfront Advisory Committee Liaison – Wally Damon
  - iv) Block Captains Committee – Laura Watrous
  - v) Business Liaisons – Paula Gregory & Jim Schmidt
  - vi) Council of Civic Organizations (VBCCO) Representative – Liz Gregory
  - vii) Historian – Wally Damon
  - viii) Meeting Coordinator – Jackie Robertson
  - ix) Membership Committee – Lee Walker
  - x) Merchandising Committee – Jackie Weitzel
  - xi) Newsletter Editor – Kim Schmidt
  - xii) Pleasure House Lake Committee – Heidi Janicki
  - xiii) Pride in Community Committee – *Position Vacant*
  - xiv) Safety & Neighborhood Watch Committee – Darren Buss & Chris Norton
  - xv) Shore Drive Community Coalition (SDCC) Liaison – Daphne Atkins & Mark Walker
  - xvi) Volunteer Coordinator – Joe Ong
  - xvii) Webmaster – Bob Costello
- b) Votes on Development Plans in the Community. These will be discussed during the Architectural Preservation & Zoning Committee report.

**14) Committee Reports:**

- a) Adopt-A-Street/Waterway: Chairperson Darryl Stubbs reported the following:
  - i) We only had a couple of people at the last clean-up. He proposed a system of reminders, so he is going to request names & e-mail addresses of those who might at some point be interested in participating. He will then send out reminders to them. Stewart Smokler recommended that we try to post a sign stating that the clean-up is coming, e.g. change the marquee in front of the Fire & Rescue Station.
  - ii) Let’s get a good number to come out and help on Saturday, January 19, at 9:00 AM. Meet at Lookout Rd. and Pleasure House Rd. If we have inclement weather, he will notify people by e-mail that we are postponing the clean-up until the following Saturday, January 26<sup>th</sup>.

- iii) Poop Bag Boxes – Adopt a Poop Bag Box Program. The adopting person(s) will replenish the plastic bags in the poop bag box. Please let Daryl know if you are interested in doing this. Stewart Smokler pointed out that the box on Lake Dr. & Fentress has not been erected, and Daryl responded that he will work to resolve that issue.
- b) Architectural Preservation & Zoning Committee: Mark Walker made the following comments:
  - i) Variance request for 4929 Sunny Circle, the Blasé property (a through lot from Sunny Circle to Cove Creek). A motion was made and passed to support a variance of 20’ in the front, 20’ in the back, 5’ on one side and 10’ on the other side and to oppose all other variances for this property.
  - ii) Greenwell & Pleasure House Rd. Steve Bishard is developing the property for two R-5R lots. He wants to rezone the two lots to build four units on the property. He is wondering if CBCL would oppose that. A motion was made and passed that we not support a zoning change or variances that will allow an increase in the number of units over what is currently allowed.
  - iii) Stewart Smokler recommended that we work with the city to expand Pleasure House Rd. to include a left-turn lane.
  - iv) Development of 4949 Lookout Road (the old Walt Grandy property at the convergence of the west end of Chubb Lake Ave and west end of Lookout Rd.) Mark requests oppose this at the Planning Commission hearing on February 12<sup>th</sup>. The CBCL has voted in the past in opposition to any variances on this property. There are new site plans for the property. Carolyn Smith, the city planner for this site, says that the city will allow the builder to put in a “driveway” vice a “street” in order to allow him to put in his proposed 4 lots. Mark explained that we will continue to fight this deviation from city code, as this would set a bad precedent. The city claims that a precedent was already established when the residences at the end of Bradpointe Lane were allowed an unimproved dirt “driveway” rather than a city road, but Mark points out that his was done decades ago under different city ordinances. Mark will provide a bulleted list of why we oppose this for the web site. Members are requested to contact the city planner, Carolyn Smith, and city council. Bob Costello will list the contact information on the web site.
  - v) Indigo Dunes
    - (1) Mark summarized the details of the Sandlers’ proposed development.
    - (2) We are in opposition to this due to the environmental damage and the increase in density.
  - vi) R-5R Zoning Amendment: We are primarily zoned R-5R in this area. Mark has been working with the North End Civic League on this issue. We have been trying to establish building guidelines for the middle-sized lots that are placing giant boxes on them. A new plan will be presented to the Planning Commission prior to going to City Council. A total revision of the guidelines has failed, so we are working on just revising some aspects of the current guidelines.
- c) Bayfront Advisory Committee Liaison: Nothing to report.
- d) Block Captains Committee: Not Present.
- e) Business Liaisons: Nothing to Report
- f) CCO Representative: Nothing to Report
- g) Historian: Nothing to Report.
- h) Meeting Coordinator: Jackie Robertson reported that she is coordinating a Blood Drive. Our preference is for a weekend date shortly after our March General Membership Meeting. March 30<sup>th</sup> is the most likely date. She needs volunteers to work as ushers and to man the canteen table.
- i) Membership Committee: Nothing to Report.
- j) Merchandising Committee: Nothing to Report.
- k) Newsletter Editor: Nothing to Report.
- l) Pleasure House Lake Committee: Heidi Janicki provided an update on Water Quality Management. She reported that she met with Bill Johnston of the city. His concern is that any extensive testing paid for by the city in our neighborhood needs to be sustainable for other neighborhoods throughout the city. They discussed the components of the water quality testing and the types of water quality testing. He is funding constrained on what he can provide, but the CBCL might want to purchase additional testing equipment to perform a broader range of testing. He is leaning toward a one-time a year comprehensive testing of all of our neighborhood lakes. It would be a lab based battery of tests, and it would provide in-depth details. We need to decide what time of the year that we would like to have it tested. We could test during the best or worst conditions, or during a moderate time of the year. They discussed whether or not solar power aerators would improve the water quality, but this is dependent on the results of the test. Also, the city prioritizes solar power aerators based upon test results, so we might be helping ourselves to request the test during the

worst time of the year. The city might be willing to buy an aerator for us on a cost-sharing basis. A motion was made and passed to test during the worst time of the year.

- m) Pride-In-Community Committee: *Position Vacant*.
- n) Safety & Neighborhood Watch Committee: Nothing to Report.
- o) Shore Drive Community Coalition Liaisons: Nothing to Report.
- p) Volunteer Coordinator: Nothing to Report.
- q) Webmaster: Nothing to Report. Kathy Damon requested that we have new versions of the Constitution & By-Laws posted on the web site. Bob Costello will do this.

15) The **meeting adjourned** at 9:16pm.

Respectfully submitted,

Bob Costello,  
CBCL Secretary