

Chesapeake Beach Civic League General Meeting Minutes of 16 July 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 Committee Co-Chair – Mark Walker
Bayfront Advisory Committee (BAC) Liaison & Historian – Wally Damon
Block Captains Committee Co-Chair – Linda Jarman
Business Liaison – Kim Schmidt
Meeting Coordinator – Jackie Robertson
Merchandising Committee Chair – Kathy Damon
Safety & Neighborhood Watch Committee Tri-Chair – Darren Buss
Shore Drive Community Coalition Liaison & Safety & Neighborhood Watch Committee Tri-Chair –
Steve Kohler

Also in attendance were 19 other voting members, for a total of 31 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 Kim Schmidt.
- 6) **Reading and approval of Minutes:** Secretary Costello read the minutes from the June 18, 2009 Working Meeting. The minutes were approved for the record.
- 7) **Treasurer's Report:** Treasurer Costello reviewed the Treasurer's report, which is attached below.
- 8) **Old Business:**
 - a) Police Enforcement of Regulations at the Beach. Safety & Neighborhood Watch Committee Tri-Chair Steve Kohler addressed the enforcement of the following regulations:
 - i) The CBCL responded to being approached by several residents living along the beach, who requested that the CBCL seek greater enforcement from the city on city codes at Chesapeake Beach.
 - ii) The following codes are seeing increased enforcement:
 - (1) Fireworks prohibited without a city permit
 - (2) Open Containers of Alcohol
 - (3) Glass Containers
 - (4) Dogs Prohibited from 10am – 6pm
 - iii) Some of the neighboring communities along Chesapeake Bay responded negatively to the increased enforcement and provided that input to us, the police, and the newspaper.

- iv) Discussion was held about the CBCL continuing to support increased enforcement by the police. There was both agreement and disagreement with the increased enforcement. An issue was raised about public parking in the area. A motion was made and passed unanimously to grant the Executive Board the authority to always support police enforcement in our neighborhood.
- v) A point was made that Chesapeake Beach has a greater problem with these issues because we have greater public parking than the other communities along Chesapeake Bay. Parking seemed to be an issue for most of the members. They felt that some streets with parking are not wide enough to physically support parking. Additionally, the opinion was expressed that parking in the neighborhood ought to be more restricted, either establishing “no parking” or “parking for residents only” on the beach. It was determined that this was a separate issue. A motion was made and passed unanimously to petition the city to study parking in the Chesapeake Beach neighborhood related to safety.
- vi) President Janicki introduced our 3rd Police Precinct Liaison, Officer Paul Cahill, who made the following comments:
 - (1) He stated that the police are not saturating Chesapeake Beach. He noted that there only five officers on bikes, one on the ATV, and one in a car.
 - (2) The current increased enforcement is due to a lot of outside visitors at Chesapeake Beach, due to Chesapeake Beach being a popular spot for partying. This is similar to a problem experienced at Croatan Beach in the past. As the problem decreases, the enforcement will decrease, correspondingly.
 - (3) He will pass along our concerns about the public parking problems in the neighborhood.
 - (4) He acknowledged that they have received word from Baylake Pines Civic League that the increased police presence is not desired there.
 - (5) He indicated that they have attempted to obtain a second ATV to patrol the beach.
- b) Sidewalk along the south side of Lookout Rd. Wally Damon is having trouble reaching property owners, as opposed to renters, in order to get support from the owners for the sidewalk.

9) **New Business:**

- a) Virginia Beach Comprehensive Plan:
 - i) President Janicki received word that the SDCC has scheduled the city planner, Mr. Tom Pauls, who is working the Comprehensive Plan, to speak at their July meeting. A question has been raised about whether the city’s Comprehensive Plan will designate the Shore Drive Corridor as a Strategic Area. Strategic Growth Areas are areas designated to absorb most of the city’s future growth with higher density and mixed-use land (office, retail, and residential where appropriate). The CBCL is encouraging members to attend at the SDCC meeting. Currently, the Bayfront area is mostly designated as a Primary Residential Area.
 - ii) A letter was sent in March 2008 from the BAC President to City Council requesting that the Shore Drive area from South Oliver to North Hampton Blvd be designated a Strategic Growth Area. The BAC President did not address this issue with the CBCL. The Shore Drive area from South Oliver to North Hampton Blvd is currently designated a Primary Residential Area.
 - iii) A motion was made and passed unanimously that the Executive Board put together a letter in opposition to the city designating a Strategic Growth Area anywhere along Shore drive from Independence Rd. to First Landing State Park.

- b) CXB trademark:
 - i) Kim Schmidt reported seeing a pictogram “C “Crab” B” sticker, with a crab looking like an “X”, and the woman with the sticker said that she got the sticker from Walgreens. She called Walgreens, and the shift manager said that they did not have any stickers like that, but later Kim received a call from a corporate attorney from Walgreens, who asked her questions and told her that in his opinion we did not have a trademark on “CXB” but that she could have the CBCL attorney contact him and discuss the matter with him. Kim solicited an opinion from her brother-in-law who thought that the CBCL had a good position for defending the trademark.
 - ii) Does the CBCL want to fight to protect our “CXB” trademark? Do we want to spend money on a lawyer to protect our trademark? A motion was made and passed to seek legal assistance and fight to protect our “CXB” trademark.
- c) Code Enforcement at residential homes: Do we want to have a city guest speaker talk about Code Enforcement at residential homes in September rather than have the candidates for our state representative (Messieurs Bouchard & Stolle)? On a close vote, it was decided to have our state legislature candidates in September and to postpone having a city guest speaker talk about Code Enforcement at residential homes until the November general membership meeting.

10) **Committee Reports:**

a) *Special Focus Committees:*

- i) Adopt-A-Street/Waterway: Darryl Stubbs via e-mail requested assistance for conducting the clean-up this Saturday at 9:00am.
- ii) Architectural Preservation & Zoning: Nothing to report.
- iii) Historian: Nothing to report.
- iv) Merchandising Committee: Kathy Damon said that short-sleeved CBCL t-shirts will be ordered.
- v) Neighborhood Park and Lakes Committee: Heidi Janicki reported that Jackie Weitzel is going to pursue a grant for the CBCL in support of water quality of our lakes. If we receive one, a mini-grant would give us \$1,000 or a full grant would give us \$5,000.
- vi) Pride-In-Community Committee: Not present.
- vii) Safety & Neighborhood Watch Committee: Committee Tri-Chair Steve Kohler reported that National Night Out will be held on Tuesday, August 4, 2009 from 5:30pm to dusk. Kim Schmidt reported that there will be retired FBI officers conducting free fingerprinting of children.

b) *CBCL Operational Committees:*

- i) Block Captains Committee: Nothing to report.
- ii) Business Liaisons: Nothing to report.
- iii) Meeting Coordinator: Jackie Robertson reported that she will not be here for the September general membership meeting, so we will need a volunteer to coordinate the food for that night. It was determined that the September general membership meeting will be Pot-Luck.
- iv) Membership Committee: Position Vacant.
- v) Newsletter Editor: Not present.

vi) Webmaster: Nothing to report.

c) *Partnering Organizations:*

i) Bayfront Advisory Committee (BAC) Liaison: Liaison Wally Damon reported the following:

(1) City Planner Clay Bernick is leaving the BAC. Faith Christie, another city planner, will take over for him.

(2) The city is working on prioritizing sidewalk installation plans.

(3) The city is going to install solar-powered signs on the east side of the Lesner Bridge telling motorists to slow down for pedestrians.

(4) A lot of people spoke in support of the police enforcement along the bayfront the beaches of the city fireworks prohibition.

(5) Bikes on Shore Drive – The city is proposing adding two more feet to the right-hand traffic lanes on both sides of Shore Drive in order to increase bike safety along the roadway.

ii) CCO Representative: Position Vacant.

iii) Shore Drive Community Coalition Liaison: Appeal of the VMRC decision to allow Pound Net fishing off shore along our beach – Liaison Steve Kohler reported that there was an initial determination in the appeal that Mike Wills has no standing to appeal the decision, since he is not an aggrieved party, separate from the general public. Mike Will can appeal the determination that he cannot appeal the VMRC decision.

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

Respectfully submitted,

Bob Costello,
CBCL Secretary