

Chesapeake Beach Civic League

General Meeting Minutes of 26 July 2007

- 1) The meeting was **called to order** at 7:00 p.m.
- 2) **In attendance** at the meeting were the following officers and committee chairs:
President – Steve Kohler
Vice-President, Historian and BAC Liaison – Wally Damon
Treasurer – Katherine Dutlinger
Secretary & Webmaster – Bob Costello
Business Liaison – Jim Schmidt
Membership – Kathy Damon
Newsletter Editor – Kim Schmidt
Pleasure House Lake Committee Chair – Heidi Janicki
Safety and Neighborhood Watch Committee Chair – Doug Barner
Also in attendance were 22 other voting members, for a total of 31 voting members.
- 3) President Kohler **opened** the meeting and **welcomed** the members in attendance.
- 4) The **Pledge of Allegiance** was said.
- 5) **Announcements:**
 - a) Jim Schmidt announced the aerial prints for sale by the CBCL and displayed the print that Skinner's Frames & Art framed for free for the CBCL.
 - b) Holly and Grant Narelle spoke about the 2nd annual "Chicks Beach Arts Fest".
 - c) Officer Warren, VBPD, announced the following:
 - i) Acorn Cove drug dealers were caught.
 - ii) When juveniles violate curfew—out after 11:00pm—parents will be cited.
 - iii) Juveniles have been going to Lake Joyce through private property, wading over, and drinking, using drugs and lighting fires.
 - iv) On Lookout Rd, underneath the bridge overpass, juveniles were caught throwing eggs up onto the bridge—this is a felony.
 - v) Spray painting problems—had been by juveniles belonging to the Little Creek Posse (LCP), but most of them have relocated.
 - vi) Ocean View parking problems—No Parking on Pavement—must be completely off the roadway
 - vii) Fireworks being shot—the police will cite offenders & confiscate their fireworks if they catch them
 - viii) Bottles are prohibited on the beach
 - ix) Open alcohol containers are prohibited in public, e.g. along the beach or city streets.
 - d) President Kohler announced the following:
 - i) Lesner Bridge Replacement: The city is looking for input on this. September 13th work shop is scheduled to look at options being considered.
 - ii) He is attending an August 1st sand replenishment meeting with the city
- 6) **Guest Speaker:** President Kohler introduced Jane Bethel, the Disaster Services Coordinator for the local branch of the American Red Cross. She made the following comments about emergency preparation:
 - a) Create an Evacuation Plan for getting out of your home and for getting out of town. One should have two ways out of each room in the house. There should be a meeting place designated outside of your house.
 - b) Family Communication Plan: Establish an out-of-area contact, so that separated family members can contact him/her. Make sure that the contact knows that he/she is designated as such. Also, you might want to consider giving the contact a CD with important info. on it, e.g. bank account number, flood insurance number, etc. Do not put passwords on the CD.
 - c) Disaster Kit:
 - i) Map for the region.
 - ii) Consider specialty needs, e.g. baby needs, medical requirements, etc.
 - iii) Plan for your pets. Pets are not allowed at Red Cross shelters. Plan in advance for places for them to stay, e.g. SPCA, pet boarding facility, pet friendly motel, etc.

- iv) First aid kit
 - v) Emergency radio—newest ones are powered by a hand crank
 - vi) Tools—sometimes authorities will tell you to turn off you utilities, e.g. natural gas & water
 - vii) Gloves
 - viii) Duct tape
 - ix) Plastic sheeting
 - x) Towels
 - xi) Air mattress—some shelters may run out of cots
 - xii) Three days worth of consumable supplies.
 - (1) One Gallon of water per person per day
 - (2) Non-perishable food items, especially ones that do not need to be cooked
 - (3) Toiletries
 - (4) Hygiene products
 - xiii) Prescription & nonprescription drugs—talk to doctors about getting a little extra, one month preferred or at least one week
 - xiv) Bring with doctor & pharmacist contact numbers
 - xv) Important papers, e.g. birth certificates, flood insurance papers
 - xvi) Extra Cash—ATMs will not be working if the power is out
 - xvii) Hard Copy Address book
- d) Recommend an emergency backpack with one-day worth of supplies in your car.
 - e) Take the time to get trained on CPR & first aid & pet first aid.
 - f) Consider volunteering at the Red Cross, e.g. they need trainers and day and night fire response teams, etc.
 - g) Donate blood. A blood drive will be held on August 14th 2:00-8:00pm at Bayside Baptist Church. Donators must be a minimum of 110 lbs and 17years of age.

7) **Treasurer's Report:** Treasurer Dutlinger read the latest bank balance of \$18,139.12.

8) **Secretary's Report:** Secretary Costello handed out hard copies and reviewed the minutes from the June 21, 2007 Working Meeting. The minutes were approved for the record.

9) **Old Business:**

- a) Summer Party:
 - i) Kathy Damon is coordinating it.
 - ii) The date is July 28th.
 - iii) It will be held next to *HK by the Bay*.
 - iv) It will be pot-luck this year for the first time, but we will augment that with other food.
 - v) There will be a Crab Picking this year. Also, we will have 200 pieces of chicken from Kroger & coleslaw from D & M Marina, & baked beans.
 - vi) There will be Keebler snacks for desert.
 - vii) If someone can bring their trash container, it would be a great help.
 - viii) There will be kid's activities, a brass band & door prizes.
 - ix) We can use help setting up at 9:00am and cleaning up at 3:00pm.
- b) National Night Out
 - i) Tuesday August 7, 2007, 6:00-9:00pm
 - ii) Behind *HK by the Bay*.
 - iii) If you come by, you can meet the Mayor, the Chief of Police, the Police Precinct Captain and officers, Firefighters, Rescue Squad members, and some of your neighbors and see demonstrations by the Mounted Police and K-9 dogs.
 - iv) Volunteers are needed at 5:30pm to help handle the food: pizza from Chanello's & Pizza Hut & cake from Kroger's.
- c) Pleasure House Point (Indigo Dunes) Update:
 - i) The VMRC overturned the decision of the Wetlands Board. The chairmen broke a tie and cast his vote in favor of the appelland and overturned the decision by the Wetlands Board. In his explanation of his vote, he indicated that he is supporting what is in the best interest of the public.
 - ii) The city has 30 days time to file suit against the state. So President Kohler recommended that people contact the city council representatives and have them sue the state officials. Also, contacting the state officials cannot hurt.

- iii) Pat Costello noted that the paper's reporting seems to be one-sided on the part of the Developers. President Kohler recommended that residents write letters to the editors.
- iv) The Chesapeake Bay Foundation waited until the VMRC overturned the Wetlands Board decision, but now they will weigh in to oppose this development.
- v) Architectural Preservation & Zoning Co-Chair Mark Walker requested, via President Kohler, that the CBCL be willing to spend \$5,000 on opposition to this development. \$1,000 has already been approved for this purpose. A motion was made that we authorize an additional \$4,000 for opposing the Indigo Dunes development. The motion passed.
- vi) A vote was made authorizing President Kohler to represent the CBCL in getting the city to sue the state concerning the overturning of the Wetlands Board issue.

10) New Business:

- a) PA System: After conducting research, President Kohler found that the smallest but still adequate system would be a small portable PA system of a single 20watt speaker and a wireless microphone for \$100 plus shipping. A motion was made and passed to purchase this system.

11) Committee Reports:

- a) Adopt-A-Street/Waterway: Chairperson Darryl Stubbs, via an e-mail to the Board, reported the following:
 - i) A clean-up is scheduled for 9:00 a.m. on Saturday, August 11th. Meet at Lookout Rd. and Pleasure House Rd.
 - ii) Asked residents to help replenish the plastic bags in the Dog Poop Bag Boxes.
- b) Architectural Preservation & Zoning: Not present
- c) Bay Front Advisory Committee: Nothing to report.
- d) Block Captains: Not present
- e) Business Liaisons: Nothing additional to report..
- f) CCO-Representative: Liz Gregory has some information about luminaries that she is providing to the Newsletter Editor & the Webmaster. The city is contributing \$73 million towards tourism promotion and is receiving \$64.8 million back. Liz does not think that the return is worth the money spent by the city.
- g) Historian: 25 years ago this weekend the neighborhood casino was torn down.
- h) Meeting Coordinator: *Position vacant*.
- i) Membership: Kathy Damon reported the following:
 - i) 180 households
 - ii) 312 members
 - iii) Personal donations \$361
- j) Newsletter: Nothing to report.
- k) Pleasure House Lake: Heidi Janicki reported the following:
 - i) CBCL sign:
 - (1) Encroachment application being processed by the city.
 - (2) Sign permit application ready to submit.
 - (3) The piling material for installation is at the Damon's home.
 - (4) She is looking for volunteers to install the sign.
 - ii) Water Quality: Heidi and Steve attended a city meeting June 19th on "Shaping our Community & Ourselves to Improve our Water Quality". A motion was made and passed to join a partnership program with the city for testing the water quality of lakes in our neighborhood. As part of this, our civic league will continue initiatives to improve water quality in all of our lakes and regularly monitor the water quality and report the results to the city.
 - iii) *National Wildlife Federation (NWF) Habitat Certification Program*: See the discussion in the June PHL report. A motion was made and passed to pay the \$15 fee and apply for certification.
 - iv) Parking at Night: Susan Topping of the city's Parks and Recreation Operations is going to have signs made up that say "No Parking 10 p.m. to 6 a.m." and place those at the parking area off Beaufort Avenue. These will match the signs on Lauderdale Avenue. People are not interpreting the current "No Trespassing After Dark" signs as applying to parking also. Signs will be made and installed after when the new fiscal year money is allocated.
- l) Pride-In-Community: Not present.
- m) Safety & Neighborhood Watch: Doug Barner reported the following:
 - i) He has a detailed report in the newsletter.

- ii) The National Night Out is coming up on August 7th, in the HK by the Bay parking lot. When he started doing this, people did not come, but that has begun to change. If you come by, you can meet the Mayor, the Chief of Police, the Police Precinct Captain and officers, Firefighters, Rescue Squad members, and some of your neighbors.
- n) Shore Drive Community Coalition: Not present.
- o) Webmaster: Boyd Layton noted that he has added additional bandwidth to the web site, since we have had so many visitors. Webmaster Bob Costello noted that the web site was down for two days last month due to exceeding our prior bandwidth allocation.

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

Respectfully submitted,

Bob Costello,
CBCL Secretary