

Chesapeake Beach Civic League

Working Meeting Minutes of 19 October 2009

- 1) The meeting was **called to order** at 7:07 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 – Bruce Johnson
Bayfront Advisory Committee (BAC) Liaison & Historian – Wally Damon
Business Liaison & Newsletter Editor – Kim Schmidt
Meeting Coordinator – Jackie Robertson
Merchandising Committee Chair – Kathy Damon
Shore Drive Community Coalition Liaison & Safety & Neighborhood Watch Committee Tri-Chair –
Steve Kohler
Also in attendance were Boyd Layton, Jackie Weitzel, Sharon Gares, & Denise Moxie.
- 3) **President's Report:** President Janicki made the following comments:
 - a) VA Beach New Noise Ordinance – The city held a public comment session about the new noise ordinance that was passed by city council last May. A detailed copy of the ordinance can be found at VBGOV.com, and a public feedback form can be found on the city's website.
- 4) **Reading and approval of Minutes:** Secretary Costello read the minutes from the September 17, 2009 general membership. Several amendments were made. The minutes were approved as amended for the record.
- 5) **Treasurer's Report:** Treasurer Costello made the following report:
 - a) Our bank balance is \$23,958.15 as of September 30th.
 - b) Officer and Director Liability Insurance for the CBCL: She emphasized our need to cover legal costs if we are sued, even though the Commonwealth of Virginia has a law protecting individual officers and directors of non-profits from being sued. President Janicki reviewed a report from our CCO representative Pat Barner concerning insurance for civic leagues. Treasurer Costello will obtain extra information from the CCO's guest speaker about insurance.
- 6) **Guest Speaker:** President Janicki introduced our 3rd Police Precinct Liaison, Officer Paul Cahill, who stated that after the initial Green Parrot Grill (GPG) hearing for violations by the ABC, the 3rd Police Precinct will oppose the new request for modifications to the existing GPG liquor license.
- 7) **Old Business:**
 - a) Green Parrot Grill (GPG):
 - i) Craig Carmen of the Virginia ABC has been visiting the GPG once per week and documenting that they are still violating the no amplified music clause of their license. He will be adding the violations to the citations being heard by the ABC. Mr. Carmen said that the hearing officer will likely ask the neighbors to speak based upon the complaints against the GPG.
 - ii) The ABC hearing for the violations by the GPG was scheduled for October 20, but a hearing continuance was granted to the GPG so the date of the hearing on the violations is TBD.

- iii) The motion tabling Brian Camden's motion to support the GPG's request for a new modified liquor license may be taken from the table at the current or the next meeting or else, by parliamentary procedures, it falls from the table, meaning it is dead. New motions regarding the GPG can still be made at future meetings.
- iv) Bruce Johnson reported that the GPG has submitted a survey of the property to the city Planning Dept. It appears that the sidewalk underneath the awning facing Lookout Rd is within the GPG property lines. Once everything is submitted to the Planning Dept., it will probably be two to three months before any requests for waivers get placed on the Planning Commission agenda.
- b) Uncontrolled Dogs: One resident provided input to President Janicki that she owns two small dogs and they sometimes get loose, but she does not think that they cause problems because they are small. And the resident does not think that the issue of uncontrolled pets should be brought up to the civic league.
- c) VB Comprehensive Plan—The new plan will be reviewed at a public hearing on October 22nd at the Bayside Recreation Center from 7pm-9pm.
- d) CXB trademark:
 - i) Boyd Layton thought that we could argue that Chic's Beach is not a true well-known geographic area; it is just a nickname.
 - ii) Kim Schmidt said that the attorney projected that it would probably take three court filings to defend our trademark CXB, which would total \$3500 to \$4000. If we wanted to go with less expense but a longshot at defending the trademark, we could make a single court filing and hope that it gets approved.
 - iii) Wally Damon questioned whether we could claim "intellectual property" in our court filing.
 - iv) Kim Schmidt recommended an alternative of giving a "CXB" sticker to 2010 members, and encouraging residents to "be part of the original," so that we flood our neighborhood with the original CXB stickers.
- e) CBCL on Facebook: Kim Schmidt reported that Amy Sessler is interested in being the CBCL Facebook Coordinator.

8) New Business:

- a) Executive Board Positions for 2010: Pat Costello does not wish to return as Treasurer, but Sharon Gares has expressed a willingness to volunteer in that position. Brad Sike has agreed to be nominated as Vice President. Bob Costello has agreed to be nominated as Secretary. Heidi Janicki is going to advertise in the newsletter for a volunteer to be President, but she is willing to return to the position for one more year if no qualified volunteer steps forward.
- b) Holiday Party – The date & Time were set as Thursday, December 3rd at 6:30pm
- c) Sand Replenishment: President Janicki reported that Sara Houck has worked with the city to obtain contact information for beachfront property owners. She is working on having an owners' meeting to discuss and encourage owners to grant the city easements for sand replenishment; after which, she will work on getting the city to replenish the sand at no additional cost to the residents vice having a special tax to pay for the sand replenishment. She has been getting some initial support from city council for this initiative. She wants to know if the civic league wants to be involved either as an information conduit or as a proponent or not at all.

9) Committee Reports:

- a) *CBCL Operational Committees:*
 - i) Block Captains Committee: Not present.

ii) Business Liaisons: Nothing to report.

iii) Meeting Coordinator:

- (1) Jackie Robertson reported that she will be stepping down as Meeting Coordinator at the end of this year.
- (2) Steve Kohler identified someone who is interested in being an assistant to the meeting coordinator.
- (3) It was suggested that we try to repeat meetings at which Chanello's sponsors the meetings in exchange for food.
- (4) It was suggested that Heidi's Flowers might be interested in sponsoring meetings in exchange for flowers which would be given away as a meeting door prize(s).

iv) Membership Committee:

- (1) Denise Moxie indicated an interest in volunteering for this vacant position.
- (2) It was noted that three people who live outside of the Chesapeake Beach area joined at the last meeting. We will return their payments with a letter indicating why they are not eligible for membership.

v) Newsletter Editor: Kim Schmidt reminded everyone that Monday, October 19th is the deadline for turning in NOV/DEC newsletter articles & advertisements to her.

vi) Webmaster: Nothing to report.

b) *Special Focus Committees:*

i) Adopt-A-Street/Waterway: Bruce Johnson requested that we replace our safety vests. The estimated cost is \$5 per vest. Bruce will help Chairperson Darryl Stubbs obtain a sample using currently budgeted funds.

ii) Architectural Preservation & Zoning: Nothing to report.

iii) Historian: Nothing to report.

iv) Merchandising Committee: Kathy Damon reported that she is leaving town for six weeks and needs someone to fill in as an interim chair while she is out of town. Kim Schmidt volunteered to do this.

v) Neighborhood Park and Lakes Committee: Heidi Janicki reported the following:

(1) Park Update: Vegetation growing up along the park has been reported to be a problem, by several residents specifically a type of willow growing along the area where our benches are located, but the city is not favorable towards removing them.

(2) Lake Water Quality Update:

(a) The Virginia stewardship program. The state wants to educate residents along large lakes, such as Lake Joyce, about what the right fertilizers, plants, etc. We need to have a leader appointed for each lake and preferably eight families who live along each lake, who will volunteer for the program.

(b) Next year, the committee will have a pair of co-chairs, with Co-Chairperson Heidi Janicki overseeing the neighborhood park and Co-Chairperson Jackie Wietzel overseeing the neighborhood lakes.

vi) Pride-In-Community Committee: Not present.

vii) Safety & Neighborhood Watch Committee: Tri-Chair Steve Kohler reported that, due to requests from our members, he is working on a CBCL letter to the city requesting that a parking study be conducted on streets in our neighborhood. He needs input on which streets should be studied.

c) *Partnering Organizations:*

i) Bayfront Advisory Committee (BAC) Liaison: Nothing to report.

ii) CCO Representative: Pat Barner forwarded the attached report to President Janicki.

iii) Shore Drive Community Coalition Liaison: Steve Kohler reported the following:

- (1) Utilization of the Pleasure House Point property will be discussed at the next SDCC meeting, October 26th at 7:30pm at the old Ocean Park Rescue Station.

10) The **meeting adjourned** at 9:27 pm.

Respectfully submitted,

Bob Costello,
CBCL Secretary