

# Chesapeake Beach Civic League

## Working Meeting Minutes of 10 January 2008

1) The meeting was **called to order** at 7:09 p.m.

2) **In attendance** at the meeting were the following officers and committee chairs:

President – Heidi Janicki

Vice President – Steve Kohler

Treasurer – Pat Costello

Secretary & Webmaster – Bob Costello

Arch & Zoning – Bruce Johnson & Mark Walker

BAC Liaison and Historian – Wally Damon

Business Liaisons – Paula Gregory

CCO Liaison – Liz Gregory

Meeting Coordinator – Jackie Robertson

Membership Chair – Kathy Damon

Newsletter Editor – Kim Schmidt

Pleasure House Lake Chair – Heidi Janicki

Also in attendance were Lee Walker, Chris Norton, Boyd Layton, & Darren Bus.

3) **Officers' Reports:**

a) **President's Report:**

- i) President Janicki reviewed our prospective committee chairs, which will be voted on at the General Membership Meeting next week.
- ii) She noted that instead of President's Letter in the newsletter taking up the whole page, Heidi will have a short letter and will highlight a committee. The chair of the highlighted committee will provide input.

b) **Vice-President's Report:** Nothing to Report.

c) **Secretary's Report:** Secretary Bob Costello handed out hard copies and reviewed the minutes from the November 15, 2007 General Membership Meeting. Heidi Janicki corrected part of the Pleasure House Lake Committee report. The minutes were approved for the record as amended.

d) **Treasurer's Report:** Treasurer Pat Costello read the latest bank balance of \$16,699 and reviewed the attached Treasurer's Report. She noted that our bank, Wachovia, has asked whether or not we are interested in investing our money in CDs or a Money Market account. After discussion, it was agreed that this would be proposed in the 2008 budget, which will be discussed at the February working meeting and voted on at the March General Membership Meeting. The Treasurer's report was approved for the record.

4) **Committee Reports:**

a) Adopt-A-Street/Waterway: Not Present.

b) Architectural Preservation & Zoning: Bruce Johnson & Mark Walker presented the following:

- i) There are new site plans for the Walt Grandy property at the convergence of the west end of Chubb Lake Ave and the west end of Lookout Rd. 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 4 lots. Mark says that we will still fight this, 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.
- ii) The Blasé residence at 4929 Sunny Circle is a through lot from Sunny Circle to Cove Creek. They are asking for setback variances on all sides. They want variances for a 5ft. setback for both sides of the property, a 15ft. setback on the front, and an 18ft setback on the back. They are additionally asking for a variance on the coverage of the lot, with a site plan to cover 45% rather than the building code maximum of 37% coverage. Bruce spoke with a city POC for this, who stated that the builder is just trying to build too large a home on the given lot.

- iii) The property at the corner of Greenwell & Pleasure House is being developed by Steve Bishard. It is currently zoned for two R5R lots. Mr. Bishard wants to rezone the two lots in order to build four units on the property. He was wondering if CBCL would oppose that.
  - c) Bayfront Advisory Committee: Nothing to report.
  - d) Block Captains: Not Present.
  - e) Business Liaisons: Kim Schmidt and Paula Gregory reported that Kroger has not yet paid for their sponsorship. There is a new manager at the store, and he sent all of the paperwork to corporate headquarters for approval, so there is a delay in confirming their continuance as a corporate sponsor.
  - f) CCO Representative: Liz Gregory reported that she is having meeting notes posted on the web site. She is offering to step down from the committee chair if someone who has an interest in issues that cross neighborhood boundaries, such as the Indigo Dunes development or the dredging of Lynnhaven inlet. Otherwise, she is interested in staying as the committee chair through this summer. She is going to help write a solicitation to other civic leagues along Shore Drive to request their participation in the CCO.
  - g) Historian: Nothing to report.
  - h) Meeting Coordinator: Jackie Robertson is updating the bulletin board. She also wants to purchase a coffee pot for our meetings. Wally Damon offered to donate a coffee pot. A motion made and passed to approve the coffee pot purchase. Jackie also wants to purchase a clock. A motion was made and passed to approve the clock purchase.
  - i) Membership: Kathy Damon reported that Lee Walker has volunteered to replace her as Membership Chair.
  - j) Merchandising Committee: *Position Vacant*
  - k) Newsletter: Kim Schmidt handed out advance copies of the newsletter.
  - l) Pleasure House Lake: Nothing to report.
  - m) Pride-In-Community: Bob Costello will discuss the function of this committee at the General Meeting.
  - n) Safety & Neighborhood Watch: Bob Costello will provide a prioritized list of possible duties routed via President Janicki for our new committee chair(s).
  - o) Shore Drive Community Coalition: Not Present.
  - p) Volunteer Committee: *Position Vacant*
  - q) Webmaster: Nothing to Report
- 5) **Old Business:** Nothing to report.
- 6) **New Business:**
- a) Ideas for keeping meetings to a reasonable length: It was suggested that we establish a fixed length, e.g., an hour. It was suggested that we not read the minutes—that we just hand out written copies. It was suggested that we not have speakers when we have big ticket issues to discuss. It was suggested that committee chairs provide written reports in advance. It was proposed and agreed to that we have a social hour from 6:30 to 7:00 followed by the meeting at 7:00. It was suggested that we not having speakers unless they are relevant.
  - b) Possible speakers: Master Gardeners were suggested.
  - c) Linking committees to officers. President Janicki will provide these assignments after we vote on the committee chairs next week.
  - d) Jackie Robertson noted that the American Red Cross is looking for groups to conduct blood drives. She wants the CBCL to sponsor one. We would have to provide the location—the meeting room—and Jackie would coordinate volunteers and refreshments. It was suggested that we hold one on the Saturday in March after the General Meeting, March 22<sup>nd</sup>. She will coordinate with Boyd Layton about using the Fire & Rescue Squad meeting room.
  - e) Kathy Damon proposed that we establish a tradition of giving a gift to the person who plays Santa Claus at our Holiday Party. A motion was made and passed to give a \$50 dinner gift card to our Santa Claus in return for his support to us last month.
- 7) The **meeting adjourned** at 10:13pm.

Respectfully submitted,

Bob Costello,  
CBCL Secretary