

Chesapeake Beach Civic League

Working Meeting Minutes of 19 April 2007

- 1) The meeting was **called to order** at 7:14 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
Architectural Preservation & Zoning Committee Co-Chair – Bruce Johnson
Business Liaison – Jim Schmidt
Meeting Coordinators – Debi & Boyd Layton
Membership Committee Chair – Kathy Damon
Newsletter Editor – Kim Schmidt
Pleasure House Lake Committee Chair – Heidi Janicki
Safety and Neighborhood Watch Committee Chair – Doug Barner
Also in attendance was Pat Costello, assistant to the Treasurer.
- 3) **Old Business:**
 - a) Indigo Dunes Update:
 - i) The March 26th Bayfront Town Hall meeting was attended by 300 residents, and the city officials were very sympathetic to the residents concerns about overdevelopment along and safety on Shore Drive.
 - b) Budgeting of civic league funds:
 - i) Blinds for Rescue Squad Bldg: Kim Schmidt will shop for blinds.
 - ii) Chairs for Rescue Squad Bldg: Boyd Layton recommended labeling them. It was agreed that we should look at purchasing 50 – 60 new folding chairs, and Kim Schmidt will research prices.
 - iii) Heidi Janicki proposed purchasing a PA system for meetings.
- 4) **Treasurer's Report:** Treasurer Dutlinger presented the following:
 - a) An article for Doug Barner from the Virginian Pilot.
 - b) The bank balance as of March 31, 2007, is \$19,742.67
 - c) Thanks to Pat Costello for her billing and data entries.
- 5) **Secretary's Report:** The minutes of the March 15, 2007 General Meeting were reviewed and approved for the record.
- 6) **Committee Reports:**
 - a) Adopt-A-Street/Waterway: Not present.
 - b) Architectural Preservation & Zoning:
 - i) Meeting at ARE about the proposed R5R Zoning Changes: Mark Walker spoke & President Kohler attended the meeting.
 - ii) Variance hearing was held Wednesday, April 18th, for the last property to be rebuilt on Ocean View Ave that burned down Dec 2003. Results are unknown. The owner was requesting a variance for a 6.63' side yard setback, vice 10', due to a Bay Window. After review by the City Planning Dept., the owner will cancel plans for the Bay Window, so no variance will be required. Additionally, the owner was requesting a variance for a 43' height vice a height of 35' from the front. The proposed footprint of the new home, however, is larger than prior residence. Unsettled issues will likely be deferred rather than granted variances.
 - iii) A 20ft. strip of public property surrounding Lake Joyce: President Kohler summarized the CBCL efforts at the City Council Meeting of 13 Feb, where, on short notice, representatives President Kohler, Secretary Costello, and Architectural Preservation & Zoning Co-Chairman Mark Walker attempted to get the city to defer this issue allowing it to be studied further. Despite similar requests from the Baylake Pines Civic League and the SDCC, City Council approved the sale of public property to a private developer in order for the developer to build a larger residence on a previously undeveloped lot adjacent to Lake Joyce. As noted by the City Attorney, this establishes a new precedent, as previously the public property around Lakes Joyce and Bradford (20' around Lake Joyce & 100' around Lake Bradford) were only sold to private homeowners after the houses built by the homeowners inadvertently encroached on the public property, and the owners could not complete a sale of their homes without purchasing the city property or tearing down their homes. Only time will tell whether the city will sell other homeowners or developers parts of this public property.
 - c) Bayfront Advisory Committee: Nothing to report
 - d) Block Captains: not present

- e) Business Liaisons: Bentley Leware, owner of Bayside Shell, one of the newsletter in-text advertisers, would like to come to a General Meeting to mention his business.
 - f) CCO Representative: *Position Vacant*
 - g) Historian: Nothing to report
 - h) Meeting Coordinator: Nothing to report.
 - i) Membership: Kathy Damon reported the following:
 - i) 144 households
 - ii) 237 members
 - iii) Personal donations \$293
 - j) Newsletter: Kim Schmidt mentioned the following:
 - i) Monday, April 23rd, is the deadline for newsletter articles and ads
 - ii) Details for the Summer Party are required for the flyer to be prepared for the newsletter. It was decided that July 28th will be the date of the Summer Party.
 - iii) Business Liaisons need to solicit an advertiser for the Summer Party flyer
 - iv) Frame & Art is paying for the entire Beacon advertisement of the Chesapeake Beach Photo Posters
 - v) Kim offered to have CBCL business cards printed inexpensively with blanks for officers and committee chairpersons to fill in their personal info. A motion was made and passed to allocate \$50.00 to buy these business cards.
 - k) Pleasure House Lake: Heidi Janicki reported that after determining there were no utilities in the area where the sign is to be located, the contract with Gallup Surveyors & Engineers, Ltd. was signed in January. Gallup will be conducting a physical survey of the area at the north end of Pleasure House Road where the sign will be located and will be preparing a plat for the civic league's encroachment application that will be submitted to the city.
 - l) Pride-In-Community: Not present.
 - m) Safety & Neighborhood Watch: Doug Barner reported the following:
 - i) There are 60 vacancies in the city Police Dept.
 - ii) The Chief of Police explained how they could not ask the nationality of a misdemeanor suspect.
 - iii) Eight new police officers will be assigned to our precinct, after they complete the police academy.
 - iv) Break-ins on Lauderdale, Pleasure House, & Lee Ave, occurred but all suspects have been arrested.
 - v) One of the homeless people hanging out under the bridge was arrested.
 - vi) It was decided to have a quarterly incidents report posted on the CBCL web site.
 - vii) For a fee of \$50 the police K-9 academy is offering city residents the use of dogs to inspect homes for drugs.
 - viii) The Police Dept's Third Precinct will have a party behind the police station on Saturday, April 21st.
 - ix) Per a concern raised at the last General Meeting, Doug contacted the owner of the home on Lauderdale suspected of being used as a boarding house and resolved the issue.
 - x) Someone broke into and ransacked the house of the owner of the Green Parrot.
 - xi) Doug has been appointed the 2nd Vice-Chair for the Third Precinct Citizens' Advisory Board.
 - xii) E-Mail had been sent to President Kohler about Speeding on Greenwell. In response to that e-mail, Doug spoke with the police, and the police will monitor traffic along Pleasure House Rd, Greenwell Ave, Ocean View Ave, and Lookout Ave.
 - n) Shore Drive Community Coalition: Not present.
 - o) Webmaster: Bob Costello has had a request for a Web Site BLOG. After discussion it was determined not to establish a BLOG on the CBCL web site.
- 7) **New Business:**
- a) New location for the Chesapeake Beach Fire and Rescue Squad: Boyd Layton expressed the Rescue Squad's concern that the new squad building will be located on Diamond Springs Road, increasing their response time to water or beach accidents. It was determined that Boyd Layton will head a temporary committee to study this.
 - b) Hayden Dubay wants the CBCL to join in a lawsuit against the city over stormwater drainage. It was determined that Mr. Dubay needs to provide us with more information and specifics. There was concern over the liability of the civic league in such a lawsuit. We might be able to support a letter writing campaign or host a meeting with city officials, but without more information we will not be party to a lawsuit. It was determined that we invite Mr. Dubay to a working meeting to discuss this issue with us.
- 8) The **meeting adjourned** at 9:00 p.m.

Respectfully submitted,
 Bob Costello,
 CBCL Secretary