

Chesapeake Beach Civic League

Working Meeting Minutes of 16 August 2007

- 1) The meeting was **called to order** at 7:08 p.m.
- 2) **In attendance** at the meeting were the following officers and committee chairs:
President – Steve Kohler
Secretary & Webmaster – Bob Costello
Architectural & Zoning – Bruce Johnson
Business Liaison – Jim Schmidt
Meeting Coordinator – Jackie Robertson
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) Pleasure House Point (Indigo Dunes) Update:
 - i) President Kohler gave the latest status. The city council decided to appeal the VMRC decision to overturn the determination of the Wetlands Board. The process may take several months.
 - ii) President Kohler explained why we have only released \$2500 of the \$5000 authorized for Indigo Dunes opposition. We only gave the amount that matched what Ocean Park Civic League (OPCL) has contributed thus far. We are withholding the remaining \$2500 until OPCL contributes further fund to the Indigo Dunes opposition.
- 4) **Officer's Report:**
 - a) **President's Report:** President Kohler thanked Kathy Damon for the fantastic coordination of the summer party.
 - b) **Treasurer's Report:** Pat Costello indicated that advertisers have been paying and Treasurer Dutlinger is picking up the mail making deposits to our account.
 - c) **Secretary's Report:** Secretary Costello handed out hard copies of the minutes from the July 26, 2007 General Meeting. The minutes were approved for the record.
- 5) **Committee Reports:**
 - a) Adopt-A-Street/Waterway: President Kohler reported that Darryl Stubbs led a clean-up on Saturday, August 11th. They picked up a lot of tree branches along with trash.
 - b) Architectural Preservation & Zoning:
 - i) Bruce Johnson reported the following that a variance was heard yesterday for a house on Seaview Ave. The homeowner had re-roofed the house, and decided to put a 700ft. addition over the first floor without a building permit. It is a double sized lot. The city Board of Zoning Appeals is making him vacate the internal lot lines (making it a single lot) and all building code guidelines must be met on the new condition. Documentation from a structural engineer and building designer will be required before the building permit is issued.
 - c) Bay Front Advisory Committee: Not present.
 - d) Block Captains: Not present
 - e) Business Liaisons: Nothing to report.
 - f) CCO Representative: Not present.
 - g) Historian: Not present.
 - h) Meeting Coordinator:
 - i) Jackie Robertson was introduced as the new Meeting Coordinator.
 - ii) Her duties were discussed, and it was noted that the voting cards and easel no longer exist. The Meeting Coordinator, also, organizes a committee to coordinate the holiday party. Jackie stated that she will have the snacks ready at 6:30pm on the nights of General Meetings. It was recommended that she get a sponsor for each meeting to provide the food, and that we acknowledge the "meeting sponsor" at that General Meeting.

- iii) It was decided to have the holiday party on December 6th. The decorating will be done at 9:00am on December 1st. The Holiday Party Committee will collect door prizes for the party.
 - i) Membership: Not present:
 - j) Newsletter: Kim Schmidt made the following report:
 - i) Monday is the deadline for articles. President Kohler & Co-Chairman Walker will work on an article for indigo Dunes update. Chairman Janicki will work on an article for the CBCL sign.
 - ii) She and Jim had an idea about including more advertisers in the newsletter. We do not want to add a page, since it means adding four total pages. They had an idea about inserting a flyer which has a historical photo on one side and four advertisements on the other side.
 - iii) JR Market wants to sell our t-shirts and posters, where they pay us after they sell the merchandise. They currently do this with our stickers. This was approved.
 - iv) She needs volunteers to put up the blinds. Boyd Layton offered to install them.
 - k) Pleasure House Lake: Heidi Janicki reported the following:
 - i) CBCL sign: The sign permit application was received after repeated coordination with the city. Three people left messages that they will help put the sign up.
 - ii) Water Quality: Concerning our vote to join a partnership program with the city for testing the water quality of lakes in our neighborhood, she is working on letter for this.
 - iii) *National Wildlife Federation (NWF) Habitat Certification Program*: Received the letter from the city Parks & Rec. They are supporting it. She will get a check from the Treasurer and submit that.
 - l) Pride-In-Community: Not present.
 - m) Safety & Neighborhood Watch: Doug Barner reported the following:
 - i) Officer P.S. Cahill was appointed as our new liaison.
 - ii) The National Night Out was not as eventful as desired, due to the heat. The animals were not able to come out for the demonstrations. Pizza Hut & Kroger's donated food. "Thank You" to the rescue squad for the posting the National Night Out info on their marquee, since the ones that we paid for were stolen. Next year, the police will do a single National Night Out for the whole precinct. But communities will still hold their own night out on a different night.
 - iii) Doug has checked on the parking problems on Lauderdale Ave and on Lee Ave. He is working on "No Parking" signs for Fentress between Guam & Lookout.
 - iv) Doug is having an art show at Alexander's By the Bay restaurant just before Thanksgiving.
 - n) Shore Drive Community Coalition: President Kohler & Chairperson Janicki attended the last meeting.
 - i) Condos are being planned for Marina Shores where the Botel is. 230 condos are planned. They must get approval from the Chesapeake Bay Board commission, followed by the Planning Commission. They already had the zoning, so it does not have as many hurdles for development as some proposed developments
 - ii) Lesner Bridge: Safety issues have been identified. The City wants to use the marina next to it as a spoil sight, so they want to be able to take 40-50 dump trucks per day for 2 months over the bridge.
 - iii) Shore Drive Phase II and III improvements: It was suggested that we get the city coordinator to speak in front of the civic league. This was agreed upon.
 - iv) VA Beach Resort Hotel wants to put two extra floors of condos on top and convert two lower floors to condos.
 - v) A building developer wants to put 12 condo units on Page Ave, by Starbucks.
 - o) Webmaster:
 - i) Bob Costello read the latest numbers for Hits on the web site, which are averaging 3,500 to 4,000 per month.
 - ii) Boyd Layton proposed establishing a subordinate web site to sell merchandise that has a linked PayPal account that would place money paid in a new CBCL bank account. He will discuss this with Kim Schmidt.
- 6) **New Business:**
- a) Speakers for next General Meeting:
 - i) Joe Bouchard is attending. He is campaigning for the seat being vacated by Leo Wardrup, and he wants to introduce himself.
 - ii) Bentley Leware, the owner of one of our advertising businesses, may introduce himself.

- b) Sand Replenishment: President Kohler Chairperson Janicki attended two meetings with the city. Some residents have approached the city with their concerned about the beach behind their homes shrinking. The residents want the city to approve emergency sand replenishment.
- i) Agree to the establishment of a special services district. All homeowners would pay the surcharge, annually, based upon the assessed value of your home. 51% of residents in an area would have to approve it for it to go into affect.
 - ii) All the property owners with lots along the beach and in the water must dedicate easements to the city at no charge. They need at least 80% of the homeowners before they will act.
 - iii) The city divided the neighborhood into groups. If only Groups 1& 2 support the proposal, the cost will be \$0.24 per \$100 of assessed value. If groups 1-5 support the proposal, it would end up adding \$0.11 per \$100 of assessed value.
 - iv) After the initial emergency sand replenishment, the city would spend \$4million every two years to maintain a 200ft beach. This would be taken paid for by additional special surcharges.

7) The **meeting adjourned** at 9:25pm.

Respectfully submitted,

Bob Costello,
CBCL Secretary