

Minutes Cavalier Park Bay Colony Civic League

May 11 2022 700PM Princess Anne Country Club

President: Debbie Lou Hague

Treasurer: Gerry Cuddihy

Secretary: Bill Davidson

Guest Speaker: Virginia Beach Police Department 2nd Precinct Liaison Team (Officers Charlotte Mayberry and Tony Espinosa). The team opened up the floor to questions from the members of the Civic League. The following was a summary of the main issues that were discussed.

- A. Guns in Virginia Beach: The city has a gun buyback program that is successful but there are still too many guns on the street. The increased patrols and use of cameras also help detect people that may be carrying firearms without a proper concealed permit.
- B. Shot Spotter: The system is in use extensively in the resort area. After a gunshot is detected in less than a minute the location is provided to police units in the area down to a very exact location-less than 6 feet. On average only 20% of gun discharges are reported via phone to the emergency number and many minutes after the firing.
- C. Brass detection. The department has an in-house system that can determine if ejected brass found at a scene has been used in another instance or crime.
- D. Manning: The police department is about 100 short of authorized manning. New City wide pay scale will help recruiting both in state and out of state recruits and former or current police officers. The department is sensitive about recruiting from neighboring cities because they support the city when it has major events at the resort.
- E. Project Life Saver: A system is available to have someone who wanders to get registered and it has a bracelet for that person that can be used to detect the individual and determine location. Very responsive and accurate.
- F. Resort Police Station: Location at Atlantic and 21st Street. Renovations need to be completed before fully manned.
- G. Bicycle Patrol: Used in the beach area. Lets you get around quickly and anonymously. Great for keeping in fine physical condition.

President Hague called the business meeting to order.

Minutes of the previous meeting were approved.

Treasurer Report: A balance of \$17911.00 is in the treasury at the end of year. Cancellation of a Labor Day picnic in 2020 led to an increase in balance. Expenditure for a bicycle for Second Precinct leaves a current balance of \$14842.

Committee Reports:

Independence Day Parade: It will be on July 4th. Form up at Abington and Wythe at 0900 and the parade will start at 0930 towards N Bay Shore, Turn right and proceed to Chumley, Turn right and end at corner of Bruton and Chumley. Popsicles will be given to participants. A fire truck will be sought. Mrs. Haycock will be Grand Marshall.

Garden Club: A social will be held at Smartmouth Brewery 13 May 6-8. Information is on the club website and information was in the latest newsletter.

Communications Directory: Still working. The errors are being reduced but with changing phone numbers and residents not totally error free.

Security: Major input in the newsletter especially about walking on roads facing traffic in bright clothing so as to be safe from the drivers in our area.

Stewardship: Missed the BZA Meeting on Bay Colony drive property. There was no email notification sent to the president. One is pending for Holiday Point which is not in the association area.

Hospitality: Endeavor to give gift bags with information about Tidewater and Virginia Beach. If you have new neighbors please let the League know. Hospitality will support the Muster at the Second Precinct during the summer. Due to a recent request the muster support will also focus on providing for the day shift.

Environmental: Since the area has multiple properties adjacent to water, marsh and tidal areas the removal of trees is governed by the procedures of the Chesapeake Bay restoration board. Permits must be granted to remove trees.

Historian: No report. Article was in the Newsletter.

OLD BUSINESS:

New Officers: The following officers were nominated, elected and approved for the Civic League:

1st Vice President- Patrick McKeever

2nd Vice President-Matt Redford

Treasurer- Esther Vaughan and Liz Reavis

Speed Limit Signs: A request for improved speed limit signs and the trimming of bushes around current signs has not been followed up by the city. 25Mph is required within our area since no sidewalks are available and the roads are narrow.

Dues: Request for dues has been out via the newsletter. There are 621 homes in our league area.

Flooding Problems: Mr. Roger Newill presented an issue of increased flooding in the area at Rolfe and East Bay Shore. At that dip the water that crosses over the road onto the land side cannot drain back into Crystal Lake because of the silt build up on both sides of East Bay Shore. The city needs to conduct dredging operations on both sides to facilitate water flow. City has not been responsive to requests to solve the issue. The city either refuses to step up to the responsibility and/or has no procedure to schedule projects and inform citizens of its status.

BZA Agenda: Recent interaction with BZA has been less than optimal. The agenda on certain properties is not published. Reviews of past decisions indicate that once one variance is approved then all similar are approved because of precedent. Decisions on property seem to have been decided before the meeting. Currently the Civic League president is not informed of the agenda via email.

Multi-use Path: Due to COVID the project has been dormant with the City. Still would like to get a path from Red Fern Circle to Atlantic along the North side of Bay Colony. Signatures of property owners have

been obtained and the path would be on the city right of way. The issue is the over engineering of paths with handicap cut outs and other amenities that drive up costs. Need to get the city to address these issues and schedule projects. Safety is a big issue.

NEW BUSINESS:

Mailbox Crime: There has been a rash of stealing outgoing mail from resident mail boxes that contain checks. These are then quickly washed by changing the amount and to the person on check and cashed. Unless the bank notifies you; you will not know or when you check your bill payer and discover the bill not paid. Solution: Take mail with checks to the post office and deposit inside, do not use the blue drive through boxes. Also get a Uniglo Pen that cannot be removed easily from a check.

Neighborhood Park/Playground: Civic League will ask the city to build a neighborhood playground in the Bay Colony Park in such a way to maintain the park to be able to practice sports in a safe manner to not interfere with children playing on playground equipment. The League area is getting more young children and families in the area and the need has increased. Initial estimates will cost about 250K.

By Law Changes: Betty Anne DesRoches will chair a committee for recommending changes. President Hague will be a member

Special Guest: Mr. Linwood Branch attended. He discussed several topics. The new city budget will have a structured pay scale and an increase in minimum wage starting 1 July. This should help alleviate staffing shortages in the Police Department and other departments in the City. He was concerned about the lack of feedback and response to the Flooding issue that was presented and was willing to engage with the leagues on the multi-use path and playground. Also attending, Worth Remick will be running in the next election for the seat in the ward that covers CPBC Civic League.

Meeting Adjourned at 845PM