

Minutes Cavalier Park Bay Colony Civic League

19 Oct 22 700PM Princess Anne Country Club

President: Debbie Lou Hague

Treasurer: Liz Revais

Secretary: Bill Davidson

Guest Speakers: Candidates for Virginia Beach Council 6<sup>th</sup> District: Linwood Branch, Richard Kowalewitch, Cat Porterfield and Worth Remick. Each Candidate made opening remarks stating their background, experience, and issues that face the City of Virginia Beach. Some of the items are listed below were discussed in the presentation and question period.

- A. Safety: The VB Police Department is short officers. Efforts have been stepped up in recruitment and a favorable salary structure. Even though all positions have been funded in past budgets the money has been redirected to other items. The VB PD has moved to encrypted communications which has led to a dearth of information that used to be available on police scanners. The VBPD needs to find a way to provide information to the public.
- B. Rudee Inlet Property: Recently there has been discussion on the development of the Rudee Inlet property. All the candidates favored keeping this area as open space vice development of a resort hotel.
- C. City Debt. With the recent passing of a 500+ bond issue for storm water measures the concern is how much additional debt can be taken on. The city bond rating of AAA can absorb more debt. Some candidates' state that the existing projects for storm water protection projects should be expedited and more open space maintained to assist in water abatement. Some candidates want to stop tax increases and debt raises since the budget has exploded without significant population increases.
- D. Transparency: The city needs to have better communication with the public on a continuing basis; not just a onetime announcement.
- E. Economic Development: Need a focus on providing jobs for the residents not just in the hospitality area.
- F. Education: Maintain a high quality public school system.

**President Hague called the business meeting to order.**

**Minutes** of the 14 April 2022 board meeting were approved.

**Treasurer Report:** A balance of \$22622 as of 12 Sept was reported. Since the board meeting on 14 April 22 an email vote was taken by the board members to authorize the expenditure of \$1814.42 for the 2<sup>ND</sup> Precinct musters in 2023 by the Hospitality Committee. Approximately \$315 has been collected in dues since the 12 Sept report.

**Committee Reports:**

**Labor Day Picnic:** A success with expenditures following in line with previous years. Need a new point person for next year picnic.

**Independence Day Parade:** Huge success. Largest turnout ever. Parade was ending by the first participants' before last left the start. Need more popsicles next year.

**Garden Club:** Green sale is on with pickup in November.

**Communications Directory:** Will go to printers this week. Changes may be made in directories that are available tonight.

**Security:** Due to lack of police scanner information I attend the 2<sup>ND</sup> Precinct briefings. All can attend.

**Hospitality:** Gave ACORN awards to departing board member Rendy Adams and to the family of Dan Prouix.

**OLD BUSINESS:**

**Neighborhood Park/Playground:** Civic League has been in contact with the city about adding 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 a place for play and social interaction in the area. The Parks and recreation Department has viewed the site and provided preliminary drawings. The site needs to accommodate an ADA compliant sidewalk so the location was chosen to minimize that cost, keep the field open for current sports activities and provide an area for small children to play. People can contribute \$1500 for a bench and \$500 for a tree. The processes for larger contributions have to be determined. Members of the community pointed out issues of parking on York Lane and the lack of clearance at the cruce between York and Windsor. A member did not want to see a playground from his home. A member was concerned that athletic activity may harm the children with wayward balls and suggested a barrier (net) be installed to prevent activity. A number of participants did not want the playground at all. Since the Community League has asked for the playground the opponents can write to council expressing concern. The playground is not in the current funding budget. The replacement of the park fence is in the budget.

**Multi-use Path:** Still would like to get path from Red Fern Tree Circle to Atlantic along North side of Bay Colony. Signatures of property owners have been obtained and path would be on city right of way. Need to get city to address these issues that drive up costs and schedule project. Safety is a big issue.

**NEW BUSINESS:**

Proposed Noise Ordinance: City has proposed a revised Noise Ordinance that has more specificity. After much discussion a vote was taken for the Community League to respond with a letter NOT SUPPORTING.

By Law Changes: The changes to the bylaws were presented. As a result 2/3 of the community households present voted and approved the bylaws.

New Committee Assignments: Mrs. Kara McCaa assigned head the Communications Committee. Mr. Adam Newman will head LABOR Day Picnic.

OFFICERS: Beginning 1 Jan 2023 the following slate was voted and approved:

President: Deborah Blanchard

1<sup>st</sup> Vice President: Patrick McKeever, 2<sup>nd</sup> Vice President: Matt Redford, Treasurer: Esther Vaughan and Liz Reavis, Secretary: William Davidson

Directors: 2025: For the vote of the directors for 2025: The prepared slate of Betty Anne DesRoches, Sue Lichacz, and Walt Yancey and there were nominations from the floor at the meeting for Chris Pridgen, Leanne Stone and George Faatz. The final vote selected:

Sue Lichacz, Chris Pridgen, and Leanne Stone

Future Dates: Tentative Social 13 Jan 2023, Spring Meeting: 19 April 2023, Fall Meeting 18 October 2023

Thanks to President Debbie Lou Hague and Director Rendy Adams for their contributions to the Community League

Meeting Adjourned at 900PM