

Cavalier Park Bay Colony Civic League Meeting

Minutes

April 19 2023 7:00 p.m.
The Princess Anne Country Club

Guest Speaker before Meeting: Councilman Worth:

Items discussed were the new City Budget, Current Voting System by District, New School building (3), Short term Rental issues and legislation at state level, Encroachment Issues in zoning and land use beyond the “green Line”, Sidewalk project (now over \$2m as a estimate), Low income housing in city, Oceanfront Homeless Task Force which meets monthly at Oceanfront library and Atlantic Surf Park which has started and the Virginia Beach city dollar exposure to project at over \$140 million.

1. **Minutes:** Approval of minutes from Board Meeting held on 22 March 2023. Minutes was approved.
2. **Treasurer’s Report:** Currently has a balance of \$17633.21 at the end of March. Approximately 200 houses out of 600+ have paid their dues. A proposed amendment to the bylaws to raise the annual dues to \$30. Should be considered. Need to have a method of identifying participants at Labor Day Picnic with dues payment status.
3. Committee Reports:
 - a) **Civic League Representative. VB Council Civic Leagues:** Steve Husak reported this organization of 157 Civic Leagues is attempting to revitalize after the pandemic. City Manager would like the organization to be a conduit of City Information to the citizens and also be a forum to hear concerns. Each organization would pay \$25 to establish a City web page of the VB Civic League. Civic League has paid \$25 to support this effort. Next meeting will be on 27 April at Kempsville Elementary School at 7PM.
 - b) **Communications:** Need to develop a better way of contacting Civic League members. Use of post cards is considered the best way to remind members of upcoming events. Venmo and PayPal accounts are also available for dues payments MailChimp costs will be reduced by elimination of email accounts to one per household.
 - c) **Independence Day Parade:** Last year very successful. Will probably need more popsicles.

- d) **Garden Club Representative:** No report. They are having a social on May 5th at Smartmouth Brewery.
- e) **Security:** Meeting regularly with Second Precinct. Daylight crime is up in area. Fraud people and pickpockets are prevalent in stores. ABC Store thefts continue by shoplifters. Guns and car thefts are increasing. Mail thefts continue and using the checks and bank records to commit crime. Big events coming to the beach, Something in the Water (approximately 45000 visitors estimated), C&W Music Festival, JackaLope, and the 4th of July will bring larger crowds to the beach. Supporting the Muster at the Second Precinct will be important. Funds remaining from last year will be used.
- f) **Stewardship (Zoning):** No report. Residents have expressed concerns on the lots on York Lane. However zoning board is reluctant to impose and restrictions on property owners. York Lane properties are now requesting new variances.
- g) **Hospitality:** Thoughts on improving the social interaction within the community. A suggestion of having an ICE CREAM truck at the park during the summer for the younger children and their parents was planned. Tentative dates of June 2, July 21 and Aug 18 were discussed with final to be decided. \$200 has been allocated to support the events. POC Amanda Parnell.
- h) **Sidewalk:** No new information. Need to get a budget dollar amount before the design which can exceed the budget.
- i) **Environmental:** Current efforts and/or focus are to reduce light pollution at night.
- j) **Historian:** No report
- k) **Playground:** Proposed playground. Nothing to report.
- l) **Block Captain:** Bill Davidson will take over coordination and establish a new block captain list for the upcoming year.
- m) **Labor Day Picnic:** On track to have Food Trucks, Grills for Hotdogs and the inflatable's for the children.

4: BYLAW CHANGES PROPOSED (Changes underlined)

Article IV: Fiscal Year and Dues: New Text:

The fiscal year of the league shall begin on January 1 and end on 31 December. The membership fee shall be \$30 per annum or other such amount as set by the Board of Directors. This fee shall be payable in advance.

Article V Section 6 Subparagraph (1). New Text:

Communications: The Communications Committee will be responsible for publishing information about community league events and sending specific communication via mail and/or email about any projects that will permanently alter the use or condition of neighborhood parks and/or common grounds.

Article V Section 7. New Text

Notices to the membership of all regular and special meetings of the membership shall be by postcard or other written form or electronic form including email or posting on League's web site and should be given at such times that should reasonably ensure that they will be received by the members at least ten days prior to said meetings. All such notices shall give the time and place for said meetings as well as known agenda items. Should there be a proposed vote regarding any projects that will permanently alter the use or condition of neighborhood parks and/or common grounds notices shall be posted in a minimum of eight(8) visible high traffic areas in the neighborhood(in addition to above forms of communication) no fewer than thirty(30) days prior to when the vote shall take place. Signage should clearly state the proposed vote/agenda item ,along with date, time and location of vote.

5. Adjourned: