

# ***Cavalier Park Bay Colony Civic League Meeting***

## ***Minutes***

October 18 2023 7:00 p.m.  
The Princess Anne Country Club

1. **Purpose of Meeting:** 1. Committee Reports 2. By Law Changes 3. Voting and Nominations for Open Positions.
2. **Minutes Approved from the 20 September 2023 Board Meeting.**
3. **Treasurer's Report:** (Ester Vaughan) Currently has a balance of \$11 606.94,05 as of 1 October 2023. There is a \$2500 payment to Bay Colony Garden club outstanding. The number of households that have paid the 2023 dues was 294 out of 637 homes.
4. **Bay Colony Garden Club:** (Maryanne Traywick) The club is responsible for 5 areas in the community of varying sizes. They have received \$2500 from the Civic League to assist in maintaining these areas. Their Annual Green Sale will be at the Princess Anne Country Club 1-7PM on 29 November. The Virginia Beach City Government is considering changes to the current recycling. Citizens can give their opinion by calling 757-385-6279 or take survey before 17 November 2023 at [www.SpeakupVABeach.com/recycling](http://www.SpeakupVABeach.com/recycling).
5. **Registered Agent:** (Steve Strickler) The Civic League is registered with the state and in good Standing.
6. **Virginia Beach Council of Civic Organizations (VBCCO):** (Steve Husak) The VB Council of Civic Organizations is a group of Civic Associations throughout the city to address issues of zoning variance, storm water abatement and the city comprehensive planning plan. Their website is [vbcco.org](http://vbcco.org).
7. **Communications:** Leanne Stone and Kara McCaa are working with the web designer to allow individuals to sign into the directory with an individual password as well as to update their personal information in the online directory. The hope is that this will make it easier to print an updated directory for distribution in January 2024.
8. **Labor Day Picnic:** (Adam Newman) Overall picnic findings were that the food, ice cream etc. were well received. There was a need for a more organized volunteer list to check in residents that have paid the appropriate dues, collect money for guests and to monitor the games and bouncy houses. Not enough volunteers to complete all the tasks. More organization needed for next year. Adam Newman will continue for next year.

**9. Ice Cream Social:** (Amanda Parnell). The attendance covered the guaranteed costs so no League Funds were expended.

**10. Independence Day Parade:** (Deborah Blanchard) A large turnout that started at Abington and Wythe and ended at Chumley and Bruton. There will be a need for more popsicles-estimated at 250. Future parade coordinators should consider ending at park for other game activities for the children. Current costs (popsicles and dry ice) are donated by Deborah Blanchard and were not a Community League expense in 2023. Given the increasing attendance of the event, a request for funding from the Community League will be submitted in 2024.

**11. Directory:** The information will hopefully be reviewed and corrected by December 2023 to be published in January 2024.

**12. Playground:** (Christen Faatz) The size of playground has been reduced to not encroach on the playing field portion of the park. Currently \$75,000 has been allocated by the city with final costs about \$197,000. If it is eventually approved there will be a comment period by the city for residents to express concerns and/or recommendations. A website has been set up to take pledges for the money for the playground.

**13. Hospitality and Environmental:** (Betty Anne DesRoches) Hospitality delivered 35 new neighbor packets and attended the Ice Cream Social. Block captains need to let Hospitality know of new arrivals to the neighborhood. The muster support for the 2<sup>nd</sup> Precinct was discussed. This is not an official League project but is supported by numerous residents.

**14. Security:** (Susan Lichacz) Security Cameras: To have state of the art security cameras in the Cavalier Park Bay Colony Neighborhood, 3 separate License Plate Readers Cameras are recommended. Cost per year per unit would be \$2500. Initial Contract would be for 2 years then yearly renewal options. A minimum investment of \$15,000 would be needed for 3 cameras. Discussion ensued about how to fund these cameras given that the current annual dues are insufficient; more discussion about setting up a Pledge Campaign for the initial funding of the security cameras.

A car recently stolen in the neighborhood was because the owners left the keys in their car. Do not leave keys or valuables (iPads, laptops) in your cars. Thieves routinely attempt to open car doors and if they can get into the car, attempt to start it by pressing the start button and putting their foot on the brake. These are crimes of opportunity and each time a thief is successful it encourages other thieves to attempt car theft in our neighborhood. Please keep outside lights on to discourage theft.

Valuables left in cars are also crimes of opportunity as it does not take much effort to break a car window and take these items.

Homeless People: The homeless are coming into the neighborhood looking for shelter and potentially other things. They are not harmless. Please report them.

Finally, a house Party on Wilton got out of control when word was spread about it on social media; approximately 200-300 people arrived and caused extensive damage in the few hours that the homeowner was out of the house. Motion to gather further information, correct misinformation and to gather comments on FLOC was passed 28-2.

**Zoning:** (Stephen Swain) Case 2023-BZA-00061: Edward & Karen Clune Variance to a 20.5-foot side corner setback from the property line adjacent to Wythe Lane, instead of 30-feet as required for a proposed building addition, **933 Ditchley Rd** did not seem to be a problem; not known if neighbors to this property were opposed.

**Bay Colony Trail:** No funding; no report.

### **BY Law Changes:**

There were three by law changes introduced at last general meeting. Two thirds of eligible members present can make a change. An eligible member is a paid member and one vote is allowed per member household. Election integrity was in place as volunteers manned the check-in desk. Individuals' current membership was verified and one ballot was provided per paid household.

First By Law Change: The fiscal year of the league shall begin on January 1 and end on December 31. 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.

After much discussion this was modified to read:

The fiscal year of the league shall begin on January 1 and end on December 31. The membership fee shall be \$50 per annum or other such amount as set by the Board of Directors. This fee shall be payable in advance

**After much discussion this change met the 2/3 requirement: Change was passed 28 for- and 4 opposed.**

Second By Law Change: Article V Section 6 Subparagraphs (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.

**After much discussion this change failed to meet the 2/3 requirement: 15 for - 16 opposed.**

Third By Law Change: 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.

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## **ELECTIONS OF OFFICERS:**

President: Eric Gardner

First Vice President: Deborah Blanchard

Second Vice President: Matt Redford

Secretary: Amanda Parnell

Treasurer: Esther Vaughan

Directors 2026: Hunter McCaa, Adam Newman, Christen Faatz