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GENERAL MEMBERSHIP MEETING

July 11, 2019

Brock Environmental Center

MINUTES

1. The meeting was called to order at 7:30 p.m. and opened with President Broyles leading the membership in the Pledge of Allegiance.
2. Officer Wroblewski presented the crime report. He indicated that there has been very little reported crime in the area. There was a larceny from a vehicle, and the vehicle had been left unlocked. He reminded everyone to lock their vehicles. The Acting Chief of the Third Precinct provided slides and narrative that recapped activity over the July 4th weekend. One chart showed Criminal activity; Traffic offenses, and Field Interviews. There was a significant increase in 2019 because of the heavy police presence. The majority of the criminal offenses were related to open containers and glass containers/alcohol on the beach. The majority of the traffic offenses were for speeding.

The PowerPoint presentation is attached.

3. President Broyles introduced Cole Trower who has been appointed the Parliamentarian for the Ocean Park Civic League.
4. Jill Doczi presented the Fireworks Report. The Civic League did get event insurance this year and will continue to secure that going forward, for a cost of \$800-\$1000 per year. It protects the Civic League in the event the fireworks have to be cancelled because of weather or other causes. Baylake Pines has agreed to pay for the fire marshal and the city permit (which generally runs about \$500.) The Civic League pays 60% of the fireworks in advance of the upcoming year, so it is important that everyone continue to contribute even though July 4th 2019 has past. Those present thanked Jill for overseeing the event which provided a good fireworks show once again.
5. Betty Demers presented the minutes of the June meeting, which were approved as read.
6. Blake Norris presented the treasurer's report which included a recap of income and expenses. He also noted that the fireworks fund is a separate account and membership dues do not cover the cost of fireworks; that is funded solely on donations.
7. Tim Solanic reported on improvements to Shore Drive. The crosswalk at W. Stratford and Shore Drive will be completed by fall, and the repaving of Shore Drive from the Lesner to Marlin Bay Drive is expected to take place once that is complete. Tim noted that these are not the full Phase IV improvements that will eventually include sidewalks

and bike lanes along Shore Drive. That initiative is still in the 2019-2020 budget for the City.

8. Under Old Business, President Broyles indicated that the OPCL had not followed up with previous correspondence with the City about several infrastructure issues due to the shooting in Building 2 that impacted the Public Works department. The follow-up will take place this fall.

President Broyles indicated that a group SeeClickFix effort will be launched in the coming months. This will involve using volunteers to address every issue impacting the streets, overhanging trees, etc. and will be scheduled for a particular timeframe.

President Broyles asked for guidance on whether or not to pursue the golf cart community initiative. Petition signatures are needed for almost all of the north side and for a few remaining streets on the south side. The regulations regarding the use of golf carts on the street and on beaches were once again reviewed. It was noted that the purpose of this initiative is to allow the use of traditional golf carts. Golf carts that are "street legal" must be registered and are already allowed as electric vehicles. Ryan Cochran agreed to go through the petitions on hand to determine how many signatures are still needed to meet the 80% of homeowners required in order to submit the petition.

9. John Demosthenes presented information on a program in the city public schools called First Grade READS. It is a literacy program that pairs first grade readers with volunteers who work with them one-on-one to help improve their reading skills. It generally involves working with one child for 25 minutes and then a second child for 25 minutes for 1-2 days per week. Those who would like to volunteer should contact Kelsey Harkins at 757-385-6495, or kharkins@vbgov.com. For more information go to www.vbgrowsmart.com
10. Chris Gorri presented information and slides that show the classroom space to be built for the Environmental Studies Center. This is being done in partnership with VBPS. Students accepted will spend ½ day at the Center and ½ day at their assigned school. The facility will be 1600 feet and will be attached to but separate from the Brock Center. There will be a meeting at Brock on July 30th at 7:00 p.m. to go over plans. This is a privately funded initiative that the city public schools will then pay to operate. For more information go to www.cbf.org/Brockclassroom.

Chris also provided information on the Oyster Barge that will be at the Brock Center. It is a mobile way to move oysters from river to river. One oyster can filter 50 gallons of water per day. The Chesapeake Bay Foundation and Lynnhaven River Now plant oysters to increase the population. There are deposit areas for oyster shells at the Brock Center. The shells are used in creating the reefs for new oysters to attach.

The OPCL had sent a letter to Governor Northam several months ago encouraging the state to partner with the city, PHP and LRN to establish the wharf that was built for construction of the Lesner as a site for oyster spats. There was no response from the Governor. Chris Gorri indicated he felt that was a project worth continued pursuit.

11. Under New Business, President Broyles indicated that the Civic League is in the process of ordering t-shirts with the Ocean Park neighborhood logo for purchase. Shirts should

be received by July 19th. Colors are white, gray, light blue and azalea pink. There will be volunteers who will be selling the shirts. More information will be forthcoming.

12. Ryan Cochran conducted a review of the general meeting minutes of the last 2.5 years to determine if there were any issues that still needed follow-up. Ryan provided a summary of his review. Items that were still outstanding were:

- a. Use of electronic voting on important issues in lieu of calling a meeting
- b. The \$50K donation that is due to OPVRS
- c. The \$25K earmarked for PHP

13. The meeting was adjourned at 9:00 p.m.