

Board of Directors:

*President: Andrew Broyles
Vice President: Todd Parker
Treasurer: Blake Norris
Secretary: Betty Demers
North Side Rep: Mike Wills
South Side Rep: Tim Solanic
At-Large Rep: Jim Need
At-Large Rep: vacant*



Ocean Park Civic League
P.O. Box 55385
Virginia Beach VA 23471

**GENERAL MEMBERSHIP MEETING
March 8, 2018
Ocean Park Volunteer Rescue Squad**

MINUTES

1. The meeting was called to order at 7:30 p.m. and opened by President Broyles leading the membership in the Pledge of Allegiance.
2. President Broyles introduced several candidates who were in attendance: Brad Martin and John Coker, City Council Candidates and Laura Hughes, School Board Candidate
3. Officer Wroblewski presented the crime report. Activity has seen a decline with only 22 incidents reported in the past 3.5 months. One member asked Office Wroblewski to check into the school bus parking that on Marlin Bay that makes approaching the intersection with Shore Drive more hazardous.
4. Dan Adams, Water Resources Engineer with the City's Public Works Engineering Department presented a slide show and answered questions about the city's plans to make the temporary wharf a permanent structure. The wharf is located at the boat ramp and has been used as staging facility for the Lesner Bridge construction. The city would like to use this site as a permanent dredge transfer site to reduce the cost of dredging the Crab Creek channel and other nearby neighborhood dredging projects. The discussion included cost to remove the wharf, the cost savings on future dredging projects, environmental impact concerns, traffic concerns, and other options that might exist for this activity. Mr. Adams indicated there would be a public review and comment period before any decision was made by City Council. He did not yet have a timeline for this.
5. Steven Bishard and Josh Moto with Bishard Homes gave a presentation about plans to purchase Chix Cycles and the adjoining lot for new home construction. They showed exterior plans as well as floor plans and answered questions about retaining walls, setbacks, and elevation changes. Mr. Bishard indicated the zoning for this area would have to be changed from B-2 to B-4, but that no additional variances would be needed.
6. President Broyles announced that Blake Norris has been appointed Treasurer to fill the vacancy created by Kristie Zeiler's resignation. Todd Parker has been

appointed Vice President to fill the vacancy created by Grace Moran's resignation. Todd's appointment creates a vacancy for an at-large representative. Anyone interested should contact President Broyles. Past President Rick Mercadante has also resigned from the Board. Todd has also been appointed to chair a By-Laws Committee to review and make recommendations for by-laws revisions. Anyone interested in assisting should contact Todd directly.

7. Blake Norris presented the treasurer's report. The 2018 budget, which could not be approved at the January meeting due to questions about newsletter costs, has been finalized and was approved. The annual audit was conducted, and all accounts reconciled.
8. The minutes from the January 11 general membership meeting were reviewed and approved as written.
9. Committee Reports:
 - a. Paul Schubert presented a detailed report from the Government Affairs Committee. This included activity from the Planning Commission, the Zoning Commission, City Manager Council briefings, City Council activity, as well as a reminder that City Council elections will occur in 2018. City Council will be holding hearings on the budget the fourth Thursday in April.
 - b. Jill Doczi indicated that paperwork has been completed and the down payment for the July 3rd fireworks will be made. President Broyles reminded everyone that the March newsletter was the last printed newsletter that will be produced as OPCL moves to a digital edition of The Echo.
 - c. Tim Solanic reported that OPCL received information on March 5th that Phase IV is now listed as being fully funded for 2019 so there was no need to present at the City Council meeting on March 6th. The Phase IV committee will continue to monitor this project and hope to get actual construction started in 2019. President Broyles and the membership thanked Tim and his committee for their efforts in getting this project moved up by the City. Tim also noted that June 23 is the scheduled unveiling of "The Canoes" on the overlook adjacent to the eastbound bridge.
 - d. President Broyles reminded everyone of the PHP clean-up scheduled for Saturday, March 10, beginning at 9:00. Mary and Mark Faust will have bags, etc. needed and Mary will provide baked goods for participants.
 - e. Lynda Martin, Social Committee, announced that the Crawl Out is scheduled for April 20th. More details will be forthcoming.
 - f. Betty Demers, Scholarship Committee, reminded everyone of the March 31st deadline for submission of scholarship packets. This is open to any high school senior city-wide who will be attending college in Virginia.
 - g. Mike Wills, Finance Committee, reported that the civic league has received tax exempt status. He also indicated that the Finance Committee is looking for volunteers to serve on the committee.

10. President Broyles noted that the city has been conducting tree trimming in Ocean Park on the northside of Shore Drive to make the streets passable for buses, trucks and other large vehicles. The city has indicated that currently there are no funds to expand this to the southside of Shore Drive.
11. Brad Milliken made a brief presentation on the Better Beach Project which is starting it's second year. This project partners with local businesses to encourage beachgoers to pick up litter, broken glass, etc. Participants pick up a container from one of the participating businesses and when they return the filled container the business provides something in return. For more information and a list of participating businesses, go to www.betterbeachproject.com
12. The winners of the first OPCL Chili Cook-off were Jordan Wheeler and Sandra Ebner Dawe. Winners each received an OPCL Chili Cook-Off apron.
13. The meeting was adjourned at 9:15 p.m.