

# **Baycliff Civic League**

## **Meeting Minutes**

November 17, 2016

### **Opening**

The regular meeting of the Baycliff Civic League was called to order at 7:03 p.m. on November 17, 2016 at Alanton Elementary School by President, Steve Zahn.

### **Present**

Board members present were Steve Zahn, Brian Baker, Pat Genzler, Christine Westendorf, and Lisa Rosenfeld. There were 9 additional residents and 4 guests in attendance.

### **John Korte Presentation -**

John is an Alanton resident, Member of the Lynnhaven Shellfish Workgroup, and Acting President of the Lynnhaven River Civic League. This presentation was scheduled at the request of some Baycliff residents who felt that a contrasting view to last month's program should be offered. Lynnhaven River NOW director, Karen Forget, was also in attendance as a meeting guest and added some additional information.

- John explained that use conflicts along the Lynnhaven River resulted in the formation of the workgroup.
- A history of the local seafood industry was presented.
- The Lynnhaven River Basin Ecosystem Restoration Plan was described. This is a combined project of the US Army Corps of Engineers and the EPA. The project is estimated to cost \$34 million dollars to be funded both federally (70%) and locally (30%). The goal of the project is to reduce the TMDL (total maximum daily loads) of fecal coliforms in the river by establishing SAVs (submerged aquatic vegetation) and new oyster reef habitat. Project is currently in the design phase and is a very laborious process due to the agencies involved. It may possibly result in making Broad Bay a "no wake zone".
- John also spoke about the oyster lease conflict between oyster farmers, recreational river users, and homeowners. He related that many residents are upset about the appearance of oyster cages and oyster farmers working in view of their property. Safety for recreational water users is of prime concern. He also mentioned that no permit is required to place oyster cages and oyster lease notification requires that only a public notice be placed for 4 weeks in the Virginia Beach Beacon. The VMRC is responsible for enforcing state laws regarding oyster leases.
- John can be contacted at [j.j.korte@outlook.com](mailto:j.j.korte@outlook.com)

**Prior Meeting Minutes** – Lisa Rosenfeld read a summary of the minutes of the October 19, 2016 meeting.

**Dredging Committee Report** – Jim Cecelic

- Completed a 3 hour site visit with city representatives, no major issues found
- Wetland Board meeting will be on November 21
- Harbor Lane project has a 120 day waiting period since it is a new dredging project, no waiting period for Baycliff as has been dredged previously
- Baycliff project should commence in 8 weeks
- We received the required signature from the oyster lease holder in our canal
- Both the canal and individual projects have been staked; 16 individual residents will be dredged and 4 are having pier and bulkhead work done
- 4 quotes are to be obtained; 2 have been received, 1 of which is within budget; 2 are still pending
- Project is still accepting pledges
- Pat Genzler discussed the dredging contracts for individual homeowners

#### **Corresponding Secretary Report – Christine Westendorf**

- Still waiting for residents to return directory information forms
- Christine made the following announcements:
  - The Santa visit will take place on Saturday, December 10; a professional photographer will be present to take family photos
  - Help is needed installing the entry luminaries and delivering supplies to residents for the December 10 event
  - The adult holiday party will take place on Sunday, December 18 at the Adcock home; greeters are needed for this event
  - Help is needed this weekend to decorate the entry for the holidays

**Treasurer's Report – Paige O'Shaughnessy** could not attend and no Treasurer's report was available

**Vice Presidents' Report – Pat Genzler** reported that there was a great turnout of Baycliff families for the Fall Festival. A discussion was had about the poor attendance of younger residents for Civic League meetings and how to rectify this.

#### **Unfinished Business – Steve Zahn**

- Announced that Anne Wright and Jenny Huelsberg did a great job organizing the Fall Festival; it was well run and attended.
- Directory ads – 5 of 17 have renewed, 2<sup>nd</sup> notices have gone out. 4 new ads out of 30-40 invited. Just shy of \$3100 committed.
- Safety and electrical improvements – Steve and Rob Frazier will discuss possible improvements tomorrow then identify 3 contractors to bid on project.

#### **New Business – Steve Zahn**

- Steve, Brian Baker, and Jim Cecelic will repair sign that is down at the entrance circle.
- Repair work is being done on a transformer box by Dominion contractors to help stabilize power to the neighborhood. The contractors are responsible for any sprinkler damage that occurs.

- Boat ramp chain needs to be replaced. Steve estimates 33' will be needed at a cost of \$1.57/foot. Discussion was had about the types of locks to use and their placement as well as obtaining a lock box for a spare key for utility workers.

### **Adjournment**

Meeting was adjourned at 8:22 p.m. The next meeting will be on Thursday, January 19 at 7:00 p.m. at Alanton Elementary School.

Minutes submitted by: Lisa Rosenfeld  
Recording Secretary