

Baycliff Civic League
Meeting Minutes
June 25, 2020

Opening

President Wayne Williams called the regular meeting of the Baycliff Civic League to order at 7:06 p.m. from the upper lot of the Baycliff boat ramp.

Present

Wayne Williams, Mike Perry, Anne Wright, Eileen & Pat Genzler, John Mark, Leslie & Brian Baker, Pam & Graham Foxx, Steve Zahn, Marie Faucher and Bob Simmons

Treasury Report \$22,757.82 in our checking/operating account and \$40,595.55 in our money market account. The money market Account has earned \$13.75 in interest since January 1, 2020. We have received 29 payments of \$50 for boat ramp keys, higher than the 17 anticipated. 197/278 households have now paid their dues, about 71%.

Secretary Report Were the April 21 minutes sent out/approved?

Election of Executive Board Officers – 35 absentee ballots were received, all approving the proposed slate. In addition, those present at the meeting that had not previously voted unanimously approved the following proposed slate of officers.

President: Anne Wright

1st VP: Wayne Williams

2nd VP: Mike Perry

Treasurer: Christine Westendorf

Corr Secretary: Jane Woodward

Rec Sec: John Mark Serré

Committee reports:

Committees did not provide formal reports this evening. However, the group noted that the yard sale requires a chairperson soon or we will not have the yard sale this year. It is likely that National Night Out (now postponed until fall), Fall Festival and Santa Visit may be cancelled as well. Last year, it was decided to cancel the Adult Holiday Party due to low participation.

Old Business

- *Boat Ramp* - Mike enlightened the group about the status of repairs to the community boat ramp. Six companies were contacted about providing proposals and two have responded. One estimated \$150k for the repairs while the other provide an estimate of about \$75k. The board has hired an engineer to do the survey (aerial & soundings) as initial preparations for fixing the bulkhead and repairing the boat ramp. The engineer provided a \$4.5k proposal to begin the several month long permitting process to enable us to request the various required

permits and early construction documents. He will use standard details for bulkhead repairs, define the survey limits and include all required permits (City, Bay and USACE). Such a permit is generally good for 5 years and will allow sufficient time for fundraising. Also discussed breaking these efforts into two projects to reduce the project into two manageable efforts.

- *“Waterfront” Homes off Mill Dam* – The new homes between Palmetto Ave and Mill Dam Creek are believed to continue to be listed as waterfront. However, the Baycliff Civic League owns the land up to the high-water mark on the west side of the creek. Anne and Wayne offered to follow up with the realtor to ensure potential buyers are not misled about their property boundaries.
- *New Dock & Boat ramp construction*: Previous discussions about building docks from the western side of the creek elsewhere along the shoreline continued as well. It was proposed that the western property boundaries of Baycliff be published. (note: the City of Virginia Beach maintains a world-class website for this purpose at <https://gis.data.vbgov.com/>)
- Steve Zahn continues to work on the Civic League’s prior year taxes

New Business:

- Immediate concerns about the increased non-resident usage of the boat ramp and lack of effective security
 - Work with BYC (Baycliff Yacht Club) Captain Susannah to reach out to boat club members about the importance of not loaning keys to non-residents or duplicating their existing key
 - Discussed car decal stickers for BYC members as an easy and inexpensive way to identify cars with BYC permission to access the area
 - Posting the Yacht club roster at the entrance may have the effect of allowing BYC members to identify non-members and police, report and remove those not on the list
 - Considered installation of a security camera that would provide the potential to identify anyone destroying the property and may be a deterrent for non-BYC members from using the boat ramp. Also pondered motion detection lights to dissuade unauthorized nighttime use
- As a result of our previous dredging project, there is no longer a need to hug the side of the channel will transiting Mill Dam Creek. Boaters boating outside of the channel are creating wakes, resulting in waves and erosion to property
 - Agreed to publish the revised bathymetric survey
 - Suggested adding red and green channel markers to mitigate damage
 - Planned to post a warning of adhering to the channel with an identifying map displayed at the boat launch area to inform boaters
 - Proposed posting a map with the new channel boundaries on Facebook and the neighborhood website
- Trashcan overflow at the boat ramp

- Discussion of the ongoing issue of overflowing trashcans at the boat ramp between Leslie Baker of the landscaping committee and the landscaper determined trash removal is not currently part of ARC Landscaping's scope of work nor is he able to dispose of it on a regular basis. The solutions would be to either remove the trashcans all together, forcing boaters to dispose of their own trash, or add a city trashcan and share responsibility to take it up to the street on Tuesdays (bi-monthly in the summer, to monthly off-season with a sign up genius)
- Facebook page communications are being streamlined to enhance efficiency
- Paying Civic League dues via an online service such as Venmo is being considered
- Proposed that the bushes parallel to the sidewalks on Mill Dam be trimmed back aggressively by the landscaper to safely enhance drivers' vision while exiting Baycliff

Next Civic League meeting will be Tuesday, September 22 at 7:00 PM in Alanton Elementary School (COVID permitting)

Meeting adjourned at 7:54 PM

Minutes submitted by John Mark, recording secretary