

Baycliff Civic League Minutes – Virginia Beach Volunteer Rescue Station #8 November 16th, 2010

President Claire Polley opened the meeting at 7:00 pm. There were 14 in attendance. The representative from the rescue squad was held up. Officer Gillispie, our safety and neighborhood contact, had to cancel. Handouts are available from Frank Cunningham.

There being no quorum, the minutes from the September 15th meeting were read by Janie Cecelic and certified by the 14 members in attendance.

There are still 40 Baycliff Residents that have not responded to the directory update and this is needed ASAP. Janie Cecelic has volunteered to help Christine complete the calls.

Frank Cunningham reported that Chris Flint representing Claudia Puopolo of 1433 Water Mill Circle has been notified that the request to build a walkway, pier and lift to access Mill Dam Creek from her property has been denied by the Baycliff Civic League.

In Martin Ton's absence, the treasurer's report was given by Frank Cunningham. The Advertising for the directory and Bugle has collected \$2000 to date. Last year we had \$8000 for the two years we still need an additional \$6000 over the next two years. Letters were mailed and follow up calls have been made to all advertisers in the past. As of 11/15 the Checking account balance is \$7087.55 and the Money Market account is \$39,804.03. The treasurer's report was passed around for review.

There is a request for more funding for the Fall Festival for next year. It was reported that the fall Festival made \$600 which is under review.

The checking account is used to support the day to day expenses such as Lawn Care of the community area, community events, etc. The Money market account is used to improve the neighborhood or large expense items such as the boat ramp area, Baycliff wall, sprinkler system, etc. It was mentioned that we need a goal on what we want to do with the current funding.

Some suggestions for the Money market account were:

- Repave the community area
- Adding picnic tables to the community area – Marian Buis knows someone that will build at cost.
- Adding a shelter with picnic table
- Children's play ground
- Improve the current chain gate to a black wrought iron gate – the current chain gate is effective but has been cut three times this year.
- Rejuvenate the lower ramp
- Need to get an estimate on repaving the black top on the upper and lower ramp

In the past we have not put any picnic tables or shelters up with the concern that we do not want people loitering after dark.

Several comments on the number of street lights not working or trees blocking the street lights creating dark areas. The web site www.vbgov.com is listed in the Bugle to report a street light out. Suggestion was made to add a phone number and have this included in the Directory. Barbara Hancock will contact the city about possibly trimming some of the trees that are blocking the street lights.

New Business

Claire Polley reported that the **Clean out Station at Mill Dam Creek project has been delayed** until further notice and sent back to the EPA.

Susan Moritz of 1529 Hidden Cove sent a letter and photos to the City of Virginia Beach Planning reporting the heavy flooding on 1356 and 1360 Baycliff Drive and 1521/1525/1529/1516/1520 Hidden Cove due to the Alanton BMP (Best Management Practice) Pond floods during heavy rain. Currently the lid on the inlet at 15/21/1525 Hidden cove is removed by residents in advance of a major storm with the opening covered by a sawhorse to minimize the flooding. Jessica Winterwerp, Storm water Asset Engineer , DPW City of Virginia Beach has requested a survey of Baycliff drive, Alanton BMP and Hidden cove storm drain system to compare the design drawings in the city file with the current "as is" condition of the system to aid in selection of appropriate solution. This will take 2-4 months to complete.

Three trash rack inlets have been ordered for the Alanton BMP to surround the drain and act to provide a surface to where the water can raise the trash without clogging the drain inlet. Landscape management will also remove grass for a three foot circle around the trash rack. This will be completed in 1-2 months.

Following receipt of the survey DPW will consider any combination of the following options to resolve the problem:

- Removing the 24" diameter drain line at 1521/1525 Hidden Cove and replace with a 36" drain line.
- Adding another catch basin underground where Baycliff Drive intersects with Hidden Cove to collect more water before it reaches Hidden Cove.
- Breaking the curbing and adding a storm drain at 1520 and 1512 Hidden cove to slow the advance of water down the street.

Homes where the backyards adjoin the BMP at Alanton Elementary will receive an information brochure that discusses how BMPs function and the role that the grasses in and around the BMP. (reduces pollution in the creek)

If there is a flooding **problem residents should call the city at 757-385-1470** so they can send someone out to see the problem while it happens.

Susan Moritz communication attached.

David Hansen, Deputy City Manager will be here for the January meeting to discuss the monetary implications of the dredging project.

Barbara Hancock reported that we will be **planting Pansies on Thursday at 10:00 am.**

Susan Uroskie and Pam Gallagher are planning to start a **project "kids in the hood"** to help decorate the Baycliff entrance for Christmas. Brian Baker will do the lights.

Rosalie Haight reported that there continues to be a lot of **empty homes in Baycliff**. One has sold but it is difficult to find our new neighbors at home. We need everyone to help meet and greet our new neighbors.

Barbara Hancock reported that **someone is using the Cole's driveway dumpster** on Seafarer Lane and using the driveway to store trash containers. There are two boats on Echo cove next to the Wrenn's that have been stored there for some time. It has been reported but nothing happens. Can we get these boats towed? . Claire Polley agreed to contact Jim Spore, City Manager.

John Hogan reported on the **General Membership Meeting of the VBCCO** (Virginia Beach Council of Civic Organizations)

Food Bank of Southeastern Virginia is in desperate need of food. The food bank does not solely give food the homeless, the majority of the recipients are middle class folks who have suffered greatly with the economic downturn. There are three ways to help:

- Cash donations – each \$1.00 donated yields \$6.00 in value for food
 - Volunteering helping in the office, warehouse and distribution sites.
 - Food Donations – Food can be taken to our local Farm Fresh, our adult party also collects food.
- More information can be found at www.foodbankonline.org

Stakeholders report and VBCCO Elections attached

John Hogan is the VBCCO's new web master and Claire Polley is the 2nd Vice President of the VBCCO.

BayCliff Upcoming events

- December 4th Children's party – need to have the gifts delivered to Claire's before the 4th to get to Santa
- December 11th Luminaries (rain date December 12th)
- December 12th Adult Party

Claire reported that we have a Santa car and Driver! Vehicle type will be a surprise!

Barbara Hancock will contact Martin Ton to get Mr. Wollard's phone number to get an estimate on cutting the bushes and limbs on Baycliff drive that are blocking right turn view.

Next meetings will be

- January 19th at Alanton
- March 18th
- May 23rd

Motion to adjourn was made by John Hogan and seconded by Frank Cunningham; the meeting was adjourned at 7:50pm