

Baycliff Civic League Minutes Alanton Elementary September 19th, 2012

President Frank Cunningham called the meeting to order at 7:00 pm. There were 11 in attendance.

Kenny Golden – candidate for City Council addressed the group on the upcoming election.

- Wants to Join Councilmen Bill DeSteph and John Moss to help lower taxes in Virginia Beach. Supported the Moss-DeSteph budget proposal that did not require raising taxes.
- Wants to move forward on the backlog of road maintenance instead of focusing on the light rail project.
- Wants to eliminate regulations that are preventing companies from expanding in our area.
- Supports lower taxes.

Chuck Smith and **David McCormick** also support Moss-DeSteph and had a representative available with information cards on their views.

Frank Cunningham found the new issue of the Bugle to be very informative.

New Officers discussed – we still **need a 1st Vice President** which is currently being temporarily filled by Christine Westendorf. **Richard Dunning** has been approached and has accepted.

Dolphin Cruise on Sunday September 9th was a big success! Great weather, good turnout and the group did see dolphins! **Pam Fox and Christine Westendorf cochaired this event and sincerely thank Baycliff residents Donna and Gene Feuerhahn and Dockside Restaurant, Seafood and Marina, who provide the chartered boat for this cruise at a substantially reduced rate.**

Upcoming events:

- **Fall Festival/Chili Cook Off – Saturday October 27th** – Kids will wear their Halloween costumes. Marian Buis and Kelly Seith are chairs on this event. They need to know by early October who will be cooking chili for the event.
- **Santa Visit – Saturday December 8th**
- **Luminary lighting - Saturday December 8th** in the evening.

Susannah Uroskie presented the **Treasurers report**

- Checking Account balance \$12,542.89
- Money Market Account balance \$44,301.28.
- Combined Balances of \$56,844.17
- 88% of residents have paid their dues
- Christine has two items that need to be paid for
- Susannah needs a bill for the sign repair – Bill Seith did repair.
 - Half of the Baycliff sign fell and needed repair, this time there is an extra bracket holding the weight and is bolted to the marble hopefully this will prevent it from happening again.

Community area including the boat ramp area needs to have some **trees trimmed, brush removed** before Fall Festival.

- Janie Cecelic and Frank Cunningham to walk the area to identify what is needed.

- Janie will contact the lawn service provider, Don Woullard to get a quote on pruning the shrubs and removing the growth from the bulk head and provide this information to the civic league.
- Larger jobs – (Tree Trimming) Janie Cecelic will contact three companies to get a quote and get approval before moving forward.
- Janie Cecelic to purchase Round Up and Spray the grass growing through the pavement at the lower boat ramp.
- Crepe myrtles should be trimmed late winter early spring.

Weeding of the front area during the summer months went well. Need volunteers for the upcoming cooler months. Christine to put out on **Baycliffwatch** to ask for volunteers.

Mary and Massoum Moayery have contacted the civic league and believe the **lights in the tree** in the circle **may not be secure** and needs to be looked at. Frank and Janie will look at this when they walk the area.

Bob Swink commented that we have only sold 48 keys this year and in years past it used to be in the 100's. Part of the reason is the condition of the boat ramp. Many residents do not use our boat ramp.

Residents should not be sharing their boat ramp keys. **Dave Johnston** suggested that we print **DO NOT DUPLICATE** on the **boat ramp keys** to prevent them from being duplicated and distributed to non residents.

Advertising we need another chair. **Janie will send a Baycliffwatch Announcement.**

Richard Dunning has volunteered to be the **Chairman/ facilitator on the dredging project** to get things moving.

- He has some ideas about creating a Face book account to help communicate progress and milestones to the residents
- Possibly using Survey Monkey to survey the residents on their interest level.
- Janie Cecelic will forward Richard all the information available – committee members, information and maps.
- Boat Ramp affects **all** residents – waterfront and non waterfront.
- Richard will set up a meeting of dredging committee to determine level of interest.
- Need to have the meeting notes by the middle of October to put in the next issue of the Bugle.
- Use the back of the Fall Festival Flyer to communicate updates on dredging.
- Have the beer at the boat ramp area to get residents down to the boat ramp to see what we are working with.
- Have surveys available at Fall Festival to help gather information from residents on their level of interest and if they have any waterfront needs (i.e.: bulkhead – turn basin, etc)

Janie Cecelic to contact **Marian Buis** about painting over the current Boat Ramp donation sign and having it state: **Baycliff Community Boat Ramp** – may help residents remember we have a boat ramp and it is a selling feature for non water front properties.

Picnic Tables and boat ramp gate proposal currently **on hold**.

Dave Johnson suggested that another Baycliff Watch e-mail be sent the day before the next meeting.

Next meeting is November 14th – attendance is usually low at this meeting due to the time of year.

- Some topics suggested

- Dredging
- Library to update on all their services
- Chesapeake Bay Storm Water update
- Principal from local school (Alanton Elementary presentation very informative)

Meeting adjourned at 7:45pm

Respectfully submitted,

Jane Cecelic – Recording Secretary