



**General Membership Meeting
March 2, 2023 at 7:00 PM
East Ocean View Recreation Center**

- I. Call to order, pledge to the flag, and quorum call
 - A. 37 members in attendance
 - B. Board members: Mike Kearns, Steve Chamberlin, Bill Keplesky, Christie Hall, John Harris, Colleen Sande, Nick Jones, and Jim Royal all present.
- II. Approve [minutes of February 2023 meeting](#)
 - A. February meeting minutes passed
- III. Community Resource Officer Update, Officer Jhett Sarmiento (stats provided as officer not present)
 - A. 1 commercial burglary at 3500 E Ocean View Ave; 2 residential burglaries, one of which cleared by arrest; 5 larcenies from auto; 1 larceny of parts from auto; 2 vehicles stolen;
 - B. Regarding Pleasant and 7th disturbance, no updates
 - C. Request for update on 3800 Pleasant from community member, member stated that there were shots fired; Steve will ask for an update as CRO is not in attendance
- IV. Financial Updates, Colleen Sande
 - A. Monthly financial report
 1. Budget was approved
- V. Presentation of new [Civic League By-Laws](#), Bill Keplesky
 - A. Motion to forgo the reading of changes as required by Article XII (vote required)
 1. Synopsis of changes by Bill; 5 areas of updates
 - a) Article 3: renewal notice from fiscal to 12 months after you signed up. This allows for rolling renewals vs 1 specific time of year for all members.
 - b) Article 4: flexibility of time and location of meetings, allowing Zoom and other means for meetings, ability to hold meetings in other locations other than rec center, ability to cancel meetings for inclement weather
 - c) Board of directors: changes only made for clarity and run-ons corrected. Removal of officer or director at large clarified.
 - d) Powers of board of directors: max public support and input methods. Items for votes will be presented at public meetings, and members of community in good standing to vote. Exception is if there is already an active position statement regarding that subject.
 - e) Further details/explanations on community dev, econ dev, and infrastructure
 - B. Passes without formal reading, vote will be in April meeting.
- VI. Conditional Use Permit (CUP) Hearings for Short Term Rentals (STRs)
 - A. Motion to resume hearing of residents who are applying for a CUP to operate a STR at monthly civic league meetings (vote required)

1. Steve described the full STR application process. Described 2 options: we use meeting time each month to hear presentations or we allow them to do their own meetings, reiterated that city council is final say. We are not a veto
2. Motion for hearing them in the meetings. Floor opened
3. Option from floor given for small group to meet with applicants separately. Also asked about allowing out-of-state owners
4. A request from floor for the civic league to hear them. Member stated that the owners are not submitting the negative feedback when they submit responses to city council from their personal neighborhood meetings. Also safeguards the applicants so people are heard in organized manner
 - a) Steve response said that Andria McClellan did state that the civic league letters do carry more weight when included
 - b) Steve stated most important and impactful thing was to attend city council meeting. Acknowledges that it takes time, but civic league has limited ability to influence the outcome.
5. STR owner of 20th bay st spoke. Said she recommends presentations in civic league meetings and they are more organized. Stated her neighborhood meeting she had a traumatic experience, tried to arrange her meeting at small business to support the community, wanted to meet the neighbors but was told they wouldn't listen to her, passed out their own flyers, said she is experiencing neighbors calling for frivolous things, wants to encourage people to allow these meetings to be held in civic league
6. New residents asking: what were the parameters for "approval or denial"
 - a) Steve responded that before there weren't rules or checklists in place. EOVC is actually who created the Norfolk requirements. If this passes, we will ask them how they plan to meet city requirements.
7. Members also asked about enforcement by city and who typically stays at the STRs
8. Votes 23 for allowing people to have option for civic league meetings.
 - a) Mike asked if we will have time limit and presentation # limit. Steve responded that board will be setting the time limit and agenda as we have speakers and other options
 - b) Asked if we can follow up in our meetings what happens with the STR applications once city makes decision.
- B. Motion to continue posting information, provided by the city, about public meetings and hearings for CUP to operate STR (vote required)
 1. Passes for eovcl to continue communicating meetings to membership

VII. Guest Speaker → Alyssa Flatt, Floodplain Planner and Community Rating System Coordinator
 A. Tristan Barns presenting, slides provided at meeting and via qr code. Slides will also be provided on the website after the meeting.

VIII. Guest Speaker → Summer Ateseye, Norfolk Department of Public Health
 A. Population health, went over services

1. Clinic is fully functioning that includes primary care, various testing, counseling, immunizations. No cost or sliding scale for self pay. Baby care program → nurse works with pregnant women to ensure they are doing prenatal appts. Safe sleep program for infants ensuring babies have safe places to sleep, what not to have in crib/around them, and they provide free pack-n-play for people needing assistance. Booster seat/car seat program as well. Outreach team go to health fairs, churches, events, etc and talks about the services they offer and request feedback that the health dept can help with. Human

traffic awareness programs. Opioid and overdosing programs, can train in revive/narcan - stated that this is on the rise in hampton roads. Helps people with getting insured. One program has higher income level to help with groceries and encourages healthy eating. EOv residents can have a hard time getting to the public health dept, so they are looking for an area to operate closer to here. Refers out if they cannot assist. Community health assessment upcoming → will ask for public health needs feedback - this is then used for community plan. Looking to get more funding for mental health. Asked members to support this to show state/grants we need funding.

IX. Community Updates

- A. OV Candidates Forum, March 29 at Pretlow Library, 7:00 PM. By signup only.
 - 1. OV civic leagues are hosting candidates forum. 1st hr dedicated to candidates, each candidate speaks for 7 mins each, no debating. 2nd hour will be q/a section 3 mins each for responses. Capacity is 100 people, so requiring sign up sheet.
 - a) Additional note: The City updated lines, so eov is now State district 30
- B. St. Patrick's Day Parade, March 18
- C. March 14 Republican Women Acclaim 6:30

X. Open Agenda

- A. Steve read email that city just emailed about street sweeping. Due to various reasons (mechanical issues, lack of drivers, etc) the city will be doing street sweeping every 3 months

XI. Concluded at 8:26

Looking Ahead to April 2023

- Formal approval of new Civic League By-Laws
- Guest Speaker → Matt Simons, Coastal Resilience Manager, [Coastal Storm Risk Management Project](#)
- Guest Speaker → Walter Weeks, Project Manager for the [East Ocean View Bay Street Drainage and Streetscape Project](#)
- Spring Community Clean Up, April 15, 2023

Members may view the meeting on Zoom at <https://us06web.zoom.us/j/88012261715>. Due to technical limitations Zoom participants will not be able to participate in the discussion, ask questions via the chat, or vote on any motions.

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Draft EOVC Civic League By-Laws ----->



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