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GENERAL MEMBERSHIP MEETING

January 10, 2019

Brock Environmental Center

MINUTES

[Newly-elected Mayor Bobby Dyer attended the social prior to the meeting for a meet and greet.]

1. The meeting was called to order at 7:30 p.m. and opened with President Broyles leading the membership in the Pledge of Allegiance.
2. Officer Wroblewski was not present so there was no crime report.
3. President Broyles extended a welcome to Mayor Dyer who briefly addressed the members. Mayor Dyer opened by stating that one of his goals was that everyone west of Pacific Avenue will have a voice in the future of Virginia Beach. He will be holding a series of Town Hall Meetings and will out in the community as much as possible. The City Council will be having a planning retreat and for the first time it will include other citizens of the community. In March, he will be making a State of the City address in conjunction with the Chamber of Commerce. Mayor Dyer took questions from the audience that included drawing attention to the condition of the streets and roads in Ocean Park and Phase IV, the use of media to provide information to citizens, and the Dome project at the oceanfront, and provide information. The Mayor assured that OPCL will remain on his radar and he praised the active involvement of the civic league in its efforts to improve the community.
4. Kevin O'Hara displayed the new Ocean Park Volunteer Rescue Squad calendars that are for sale for \$20 with proceeds benefitting the OPVRS. He reminded everyone of the current blood drive that is still short of meeting its goal.
5. Chris Gorri, Manager of Brock Environmental Center, and Dr. James Pohl, Executive Director of Secondary Teaching and Learning for Virginia Beach Public Schools presented on the Environmental Studies classroom facility to be built on site at the Brock Center. The program in environmental studies is scheduled to start in 2020 and will be open to selected juniors and seniors. It will begin with 25 junior morning students and 25 junior afternoon students who will spend half the day at Brock and half the day at their home school. The curriculum will focus on concepts in the junior year and move to more of an emphasis on field

experience in the senior year. Each senior will have a project that represents their specific area of interest to pursue in the senior field experience.

The facility will be built within the original footprint of the Brock Center and will include a separate classroom building with solar panels for power. No additional wind vanes will be needed. The building is still in the conceptual stage and Chris indicated that the final plan will be presented to the civic league as soon as it is completed.

6. Because there was not a quorum at the November general meeting, officers could not be elected at that time. President Broyles presented the slate of officers as follows:
 - a. President – Andrew Broyles
 - b. Vice President – Ryan Cochran
 - c. Secretary – Betty Demers
 - d. Treasurer – Blake Norris

The slate was approved by unanimous vote.

Additionally, there were three representative positions that were appointed by the Board and presented to the membership for approval:

- a. Northside Representative – Paul Schubert
- b. Southside Representative – Tim Solanic
- c. At-Large Representative – Brian Snyder

The representatives were approved by unanimous vote.

7. November Minutes were not reviewed as there was not a quorum at the meeting so none of the business discussed could be voted on or moved forward. The minutes are available on OPCL.org.
8. Blake Norris, Treasurer, presented the account of income and expenditures for 2018 and the budget for 2019. There were several amendments to the 2019 budget that included adding revenue for sponsors to advertise at the two social events held each year. The cost is \$250 which provides the advertiser the opportunity to display a banner at both events and to be listed as sponsors in announcements about the events. This increased the revenue from advertising from \$0 to \$1000. Other changes increased the amount to be donated to OPVRS from \$1500 to \$2000 because the amount budgeted for 2018 was not donated, and the expense for printing was increased from \$0 to \$500 to cover the cost of printing two fliers each year for special events/announcements. The budget was approved as amended.
9. Old Business
 - a. President Broyles updated the membership on correspondence between OPCL and COVB Public Works concerning the repair/repaving of Shore Drive and streets internal to Ocean Park. Some minor repairs were completed in October on the southside but many of those patches have already deteriorated and the major problems were not addressed.

- b. The crosswalk requested for East Stratford at Shore Drive was delayed because the requirements for pavement displaced for a 4-corner crosswalk requires additional storm water management changes.
- c. Although former Mayor Sessoms had indicated in a letter to OPCL that funding to repave Shore Drive from the Lesner Bridge to Marlin Bay would be requested in the fall of 2018 with repaving to coincide with the completion of the bridge, this did not happen.
- d. The Board shared a letter for comment addressed to Mark Johnson, Director of Public Works asking for information and timelines for each issue that has been identified in the neighborhood and along Shore Drive. This includes an interim plan for beach replenishment in the event of potential dune collapse due to erosion. Several members felt that item #5 in the letter that addressed Phase IV needed some clarification. The letter was approved to be sent with that modification.

10. New Business

- a. The letter to public works that was addressed under old business also included a request to modify the crosswalk at East Stratford and Shore Drive to a single-lane walk that crossed Shore Drive to avoid the drainage requirements of a 4-corner crosswalk.
- b. Beach replenishment from the dredging of the Lynnhaven Inlet is scheduled to benefit Cape Henry beach and Ocean Park Beach. As mentioned under old business, the city is also being asked to consider an emergency interim plan in the event additional erosion threatens the dunes prior to the replenishment
- c. Federal dredging of the Chesapeake Bay shipping channel is scheduled for 2023 and will result in extending the beach in Ocean Park by 500 feet.

11. Jill Doczi indicated that she has just received the contract for the fireworks. While we are on track with donations so far, we will need to begin providing payments, so donations are important for us to remain on track.

12. Lynda Martin announced that the Annual Chili Cook-off is scheduled for the March 7th meeting at OPVRS. There will be a winner for chili with meat and meatless/vegetarian chili. Winners will receive an OPCL Chili Cook-Off apron.

13. Mike Wills provided an update on financials which included the information presented in the budget. While the market ended the year a little low, it seems to be rebounding.

14. Everyone was reminded of the meeting dates and locations for 2019.

- a. March 7th – OPVRS
- May 9th – Brock
- September 5th – OPVRS
- November 7th – Brock

15. The meeting was adjourned at 9:05 p.m.