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GENERAL MEMBERSHIP MEETING August 8, 2019 Brock Environmental Center

MINUTES

There was not a quorum present at the meeting, so no voting took place.

- 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 presented the crime report. He indicated that there has been very little reported crime in the area. There have been three cases of fraud and identity theft in the area in the past six weeks. He reminded everyone not to give out information such as social security numbers, bank information, etc. over the phone. There three vehicle larcenies reported, and two of the vehicles had been left unlocked. He reminded everyone to lock their vehicles. There was one narcotic violation.

He also cautioned everyone to stay out of the water under and near the Lesner Bridge where there are No Swimming signs posted. There is rebar below the surface of the water, and the currents in that area are also dangerous.

He introduced two new officers (Campo and Chapman) who have joined the precinct. They are currently working on a neighborhood project and have chosen Ocean Park as the neighborhood for their project. They asked for suggestions about what they should be focusing on in the neighborhood. They mentioned the parking situations in the neighborhood and how this area is "the second oceanfront" in terms of visitors, parking issues, etc. They are planning a community event at the Brock Center soon and will communicate details when they are available.

- 3. Taylor from Bayside Parks and Recreation gave a brief presentation about facilities and services at the recreation center. There is currently a survey regarding outdoor activities on vbgov.com that she encourages everyone to complete. The center will undergo a renovation update at some point but is depending on City Council action.
- President Broyles notified the members present that OPCL has revisited its January 2019 letter to the City regarding improvements to Ocean Parks infrastructure. A second letter will be sent during the week of August 12th.
- 5. President Broyles reiterated the schedule for beach replenishment in Ocean Park: 2020 for receiving the same from the Lynnhaven Inlet dredging and 2023 for receiving sand

- and the creation of an engineered beach from the federal dredging of the shipping channel.
- 6. Ocean Park t-shirts are for sale for \$15 with all proceeds to go to the Fireworks Fund. T-shirts will be available at meetings, plus several individuals have volunteered to sell the shirts. Details will be forthcoming. Shirts are available in light blue, gray, white and azalea (pink).
- 7. The Fall Fest, which is held in October, will also be designated a First Responders Appreciation event.
- 8. Jill Doczi explained how the fireworks payment works. The down payment is made in January. It is a separate account from the civic league and is totally funded by private donations. Event insurance was purchased this year, and will continue to be purchased going forward, which provides some protection from loss of funds due to weather or other defined circumstances.
- 9. President Broyles indicated that budget planning for 2020 will be discussed at the next general meeting. OPCL has pledged \$50,000 toward the Ocean Park Volunteer Rescue Squad building construction. This is also a separate account from the OPCL general fund. This and the other uses of funds will be discussed at the next meeting.
- 10. Old Business: For the golf cart initiative, there have been only 26% of the needed signatures collected. Eighty percent of the total neighborhood is needed to submit the petition to the City. President Broyles is also working toward asking the City to approve golf carts for all neighborhoods where the speed limit is 25 mph. In the meantime, volunteers will continue to collect signatures.
- 11. The meeting was adjourned at 8:10 p.m.