

March 9, 2023

OPCL Membership Meeting 3-9-23

Meeting called to order at 7:04 pm

-Danny thanked everyone for participating in the chili cookoff!

-Officer Schoenbach has been hearing from people asking about crime, but violent crime is actually down. The chief is transparent so you are seeing more stories but crime is down. Explanation of hot spots. Jill asked about two incidents with people in back yards.

In the future, we may have a 24/7 crime center.

-Dan Adams from Public Works: beach dune grass installation starts next Thursday and will last about a week. Stockpile sand will be placed on Cape Henry beach and work on dune reconstruction.

Work should begin this month and last 90 days. 7:30am-4:30pm will be the work hours but may be extended. You could see trucks every five minutes.

Cape Henry Beach Army Corps will take bids to dredge winter 23-24 on a four year cycle. OP will be next.

-Councilman Schulman has been to several meetings and events in Ocean Park. Joash introduced himself and thanked us for the hospitality at the chili cookoff.

He updated us on the voting issue. We had a 7/3/1 hybrid system meaning councilman had to live in the district but everyone could vote for you. Lower court agreed to the new 10/1 system. 10 different districts and only those residents vote for you. HB 198 changed our charter and city appealed. So technically we do not have a voting system and we need to amend our charter before the next election. There will be a public comment process. March 25th 5:30-7:30 at Bayside Rec will be our meeting, but there will be others around the city.

-Schools- proposal for new schools Steve Ballard can build new (need to hear recording)

Joash passed out his personal info and invited anyone to call or email with questions.

-Minutes approved from December.

-Treasurer's Report: Blake- we collected \$187.50 so far. We had a few new members sign up at the chili cookoff.

-Social Committee – Andrea reported that we have a great committee
Spring Fling will be April 22nd

More details on piling day and Beach cleanup with mimosa's coming soon! Committee meets the last Monday of the month at 6pm at Taste.

-Scholarship deadline – please look at our website for details and applications.

We also need volunteers to review applications.

Fireworks Update- Jill Dozci reported that last year was a struggle but we are working with the city because we use the same barge that we do. Baylake Pines partners with us. It is a little more expensive this year but we can do it! The show will be Saturday July 1st (we get a big discount)

-Danny reported on area wide civic league association that we have joined.

Also went to councilman taylor's meeting

Danny asked council to defer a decision on encroachment in our neighborhood and they agreed.

October 21 fall festival

-Mary Faust said we had 18 people show up for our February PHP cleanup. She would like to have another one on March 25th

Member Forum – no questions.

Meeting Adjourned at 8:09pm