

**Minutes of the Meeting of the  
Ocean Park Civic League  
Thursday, February 9, 2006  
Ocean Park Fire and Rescue Station**

The meeting was called to order at 7:05 p.m. by Vice-President Shyrlee Hurwitz. Following the Pledge of Allegiance, Hurwitz called for the approval of the minutes of the meeting held January 5, 2006. Motion was made and carried to approve the minutes as they appeared on the OPCL Website. Hurwitz then introduced the evening's guest speakers, Billy Almond and Dave Jester of WPL, a landscaping and architectural firm, speaking on the subject of issues of R5R zoning in Virginia Beach.

Mr. Almond presented himself as a member of the North Virginia Beach Civic League (NVBCL) and part of an alliance of approximately fourteen area civic leagues who were working to implement guidelines for the city with regard to blossoming development in R5R neighborhoods, which include the North End and Ocean Park and other Bayfront communities. He acknowledged the presence of City Council member Richard Maddox, who is cooperating in the effort. Almond began his presentation by explaining the R5R zoning definition that describes the minimum lot size of 5,000 square feet. He then introduced his partner, Mr. Jester, to proceed with the explanation of the guidelines which the group hopes for the City Council to adopt.

Mr. Jester opened with the observation that around 1998, the North End civic league noticed changes in that neighborhood. Longtime residents were complaining that taxes and the type of new construction were out of control. The NVBCL formed a volunteer group including realtors, builders, developers, landscapers, architects and related professionals to formulate a better approach to burgeoning development. He noted that the city had some difficulty in monitoring the process, as the Zoning Commission and the Building Inspector's office often saw building plans at different stages of rendering. That has since been changed, but differences in setback requirements remain, 20' rear setback for single family, versus 10' rear setback for duplexes, for example. As for variances, until five years ago, the Board of Zoning Appeals (BZA) approved nearly every request for variance. Five years ago, membership on the BZA was changed to a council-appointed position. At that time, the present requirements were set into place for lot sizes, but all existing lots had already been grandfathered in a 1974 zoning action, so that conceivably every single family lot in existence at that time could be converted to duplex construction, providing that all setback requirements are met.

Jester noted that the purpose of his group was to present the City Council with a Basic Area Ratio (BAR) and aesthetic guidelines for new construction in existing neighborhoods. He noted that the cities of Norfolk and Williamsburg, as well as many Florida communities had imposed such plans with success. His group in May 2005 held a Planning Commission Workshop with members of the City's Planning Commission, Zoning Department, Tidewater Builders' Association, civic leagues contributing their cumulative efforts over a period of three to four months prior. The North End civic league hired an attorney. Issues addressed were size scale, magnitude, parking requirements and city infrastructure. Unfortunately, the BRAC issue arose at that time and diverted the focus of Council from these issues.

Attention has again been drawn to these issues, due to the recent spike in property values. Jester explained that in Ocean Park, North End and other bayfront communities, lots holding single family dwellings are presently taxed as though they were available as duplex lots. The result is that many long time residents are being taxed out of their homes. When they are forced to sell, developers step in and build more duplexes. This further burdens the environment and the city's infrastructure. More paved areas mean more run-off, more children in city schools, renters and investors holding property, instead of owner occupants, greater risk of spreading fires, the mass and bulk of new super-sized duplexes blocking sunlight to established homes, for example.

The group's BAR proposal hopes to address the issue of mass and scale by assigning a percentage of buildable area based on lot size. Among the recommendations is to reduce the size of the third floor relative to the first two and allowing concessions in side yard setbacks. For example, a builder who locates the garage as a side-load would be allowed to shift the side-yard set-back for 10' per side to 8' one side, 12' other side, or to allow the builder to construct a front porch into the front set-back area in exchange for a side load garage. Mr. Jester closed by saying that the group hoped to make these presentations to the City in April 2006, first to the Planning Commission and then to City Council.

In the question and answer period, Jester was asked about the chances for acceptance by the City. He replied that since the group had had such a wide range of inputs, he expected to have a lot of support for affected parties, although there would most likely be some developers and some property-holding investors who would object. He noted that such guidelines would be applicable city-wide. He named Chris Edel, Al Viola and Chris Wood as builders who had already expressed support. In answer to questions about lot coverage, he noted that presently 35% of the lot could be covered by building, and that the group was recommending that no more than 60% be occupied by deck, patio, roof overhang and/or driveway, as opposed to the current 100% allowable. He acknowledged that enforcement currently was not uniform and that problems also exist where building permits are submitted to alter existing structures. He was asked about new construction that looked like quadruplex, and replied that although the construction looked like quadruplex, it was actually two duplexes, built on two adjoining lots.

Following the presentation, Treasurer Anne Kane reported that there was no change from the previous month's report, as the only accounts receivable to be transacted had only recently come in and had not been deposited. The Zoning Committee report was deferred, as the Chairperson, Carl Godwin was not present. It was determined that the Zoning Committee had not yet had any meetings.

Mike Wills delivered the Shore Drive Advisory Committee (SDAC) report, stating that the committee saw plans for a proposed 80 unit condo complex to be built on the nine lots on Shore Drive west of the Wawa gas station. He noted that the Shore Drive Community Coalition (SDCC) has opposed the plans as presented, and that the presentation to the Zoning Department for rezoning has been deferred pending the completion of a Shore Drive Safety Task Force Committee study. This task force is still gathering input. Also at the SDAC meeting owner Eddie Sal made a presentation regarding his proposed restaurant, the Big Easy. Sal stated that the facility would not have live music, that it was to be a sit-down restaurant with low volume.

In answer to a question from the floor, Wills stated that he believe that Sal had bought into the ownership of the business with the previous holder of the state ABC license.

Anne Kane then reported that at the SDCC meeting, the same presentation for Lake Bradford Condos was presented and that SDCC has opposed the project as currently designed. She stated that the Big Easy was also to have presented, but did not appear. Kane noted that information on the Shore Drive Development could be viewed as the Shore Drive Vision Plan on the SDCC Website at [www.SDCC.info](http://www.SDCC.info) and that the area encompassed extended from Diamond Springs Road to beyond Seashore State Park. Jim Royall observed that state employees were surveying up and down Shore Drive, and was told that this was most likely in support of the Shore Drive Beautification Plan, Phases II and III.

For the newsletter report, Editor Carol Collins repeated the need for more advertisers and more articles. In other old business, Liz Dyer reported that the City has denied the OPCL request to adopt the two waterways bordering Ocean Park, as the property is privately held. Dyer noted that OPCL had previously been denied the assignment of the stretch of Shore Drive which passes through Ocean Park, as it has already been claimed by another group which the city employee refused to name, as she had the property owners along the waterways. It was determined that the best OPCL could do for the present was to monitor the maintenance which is supposed to be forthcoming from those entities involved. The city employee was willing to designate the bay beach between the Chesapeake Bay Bridge and Rookery Way as OPCL's adopt-a-site, but several OPCL members observed that this beach is actually considered by the adjacent property owners to be Private beach. With regard to the "Poop Boxes" along the beach, it was remarked that all seem to be well supplied with plastic bags. Dyer stated that she had received a call from Irene Bowers, Bayside reporter for the *Virginian Pilot's Beacon*, requesting an interview.

In new business, the property at 3608 E. Stratford Road was mentioned. Mike Wills informed the assembly that at present, the *status quo* remained unchanged. Kane noted that the current lessee would like to purchase the property, and Collins estimated a value of approximately \$400,000, presumably based on her experience as a realtor.

The meeting adjourned at 8:02 p.m.

Respectfully submitted,  
Grace Moran  
Co-Secretary

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At approximately 7:03 p.m. it was determined that a quorum was not present, so the call to order was delayed in hopes that additional members would arrive and quorum would be met. Treasurer Anne Kane suggested that while we waited, we go around the room and introduce ourselves.

Following the Pledge of Allegiance, President, Ronda Morrison noted that the minutes from the prior meeting could not be approved, but asked if everyone had read them. Ms. Kane then gave a synopsis of some items from that meeting. She mentioned that a presentation had been made at that meeting by Billy Almond and Dave Jester of WPL regarding the R5R zoning issues in Virginia Beach. She explained that the North Virginia Civic League, of which Mr. Almond is a member, is part of an alliance of fourteen area civic leagues, and seeks to present building guidelines to the City. These guidelines would call for various minor architectural improvements to the structures, giving them the "eye appeal" they feel is lacking.

The next item she brought to everyone's attention was the recent installation of "poop boxes" at a number of beach access points, in conjunction with the SPCA. She said she herself had noticed that many more residents are cleaning up after their pets, but asked that people monitor the boxes and refill them with plastic bags as often as possible. She suggested that residents "adopt" a box and be responsible for seeing that it is filled.

There was then a discussion on the opening of Deep Blue Marine on Shore Drive. It was explained that this company had been granted a concession in order to move their equipment in, but cannot open for business until other requirements are met.

Ms. Kane then went over the Treasurer's Report as of February 28, 2006. She reported the balances in the savings and checking accounts at BB&T as follows:

Savings: \$8542.00

Checking: \$2152.42

She also reported that a thank you note had been received from the Ocean Park Rescue Squad for the donation made to them by OPCL.

Ms. Morrison stated that the Zoning Committee Chairperson had stepped down and called for the members of that committee to set a date to meet. Ms. Kane stressed the import role the committee, and others in the area, can have in bringing the voice of the residents to the City Council. Ms. Morrison gave as an example the current development under contract on North Oliver. Currently, there exists nine homes on this small street, with 80 new units being planned. The estimated impact on traffic would go from 90 to more than 500 cars in the same time period. In addition, safety is a further concern, due to the lack of a red light in close proximity to the area. It was noted that in prior instances, numerous variances to zoning laws had been granted,

within unsatisfactory results, simply because the community did not stay on top of the situation. A tentative meeting date was set for March 22<sup>nd</sup> at 7 pm at the Ocean Fire and Rescue Station.

A member brought up a case currently before the Wetlands Board, requesting variances to actually build on top of dunes. He has a feeling the variance would pass and asked that people attend a meeting on March 20<sup>th</sup> to voice their concerns.

In New Business, Judy Connors spoke about the upcoming City Council election on May 2, 2006. She said there are ten people running for office, along with Ron Villanueva, the only incumbent. She strongly advised the formation of candidate's forum to advise the candidates of our positions.

Ms. Connors also mentioned an event called "Breakfast with Barbara", being held on April 1, 2006 at the Virginia Beach Resort and Conference Center. Barbara Henley has arranged the breakfast to hear the community's concerns. Reservations are necessary and information may be obtained by writing Ms. Henley at [Barbara@barbarahenley.com](mailto:Barbara@barbarahenley.com) or by visiting this website: [www.barbarahenley.com](http://www.barbarahenley.com). Other sessions are scheduled as follows:

- March 18<sup>th</sup> at the Golden Corral on Independence Boulevard
- March 25<sup>th</sup> at the Golden Corral in Kempsville

Ms. Connors suggested attending the one on April 1<sup>st</sup>, since it would deal more specifically with concerns in the Shore Drive area.

Ms. Morrison brought up the issue of bi-monthly meetings, but pointed out no vote could be taken, since quorum had not been attained at the meeting.

Jill Broome (?) said that she works for Cox Communications and asked if the membership was aware of the availability of public access channels. She offered to get further information as this might be a good tool for the organization.

Ms. Broome then asked if there had been any further plans made for the Community Yard Sale. Ms. Morrison said there had not, since no one had volunteered to chair the committee. Liz Dyer was asked if she would chair the committee and she agreed to do so.

Anne Kane then offered a progress report on the Shore Drive Beautification Project. Work has been approved to start in the spring and will extend from First Court Road to Marlin Bay Drive and will include bike paths and walkways.

Two door prizes were awarded and the meeting concluded at approximately 7:55 p.m.

Respectfully submitted,  
Pat Mirani  
Co-Secretary

**Minutes of the meeting of the  
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Thursday, May 4, 2006  
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The meeting was called to order at 7:10 p.m. by President Ronda Morrison. Following the Pledge of Allegiance to the Flag, Morrison noted that since a quorum did not exist at that time, the approval of the minutes of the previous meeting would be deferred. She called on Treasurer Anne Kane to present the Treasurer's Report. Kane rendered an account of the previous month's activity, reflecting an end balance of \$8,545.57 in the Savings Account and a balance of \$2,230.42 in the Checking Account, noting that printing cost for the latest newsletter was still outstanding. She then read a thank you note from renewing members, the Harrises, who also contributed \$25 for possible legal fees, should the need arise.

Morrison then called for a report from the Zoning Committee on issues pending. Co-Chair Jennifer Downin recapped developments with regard to the proposed building of a duplex on Jefferson Blvd. which had threatened to encroach a primary dune. Through the efforts of Co-Chair Diane Muhlendorf and David Hay, an attorney retained by the Ocean Park Civic League to represent the League, an appeal to the Virginia Marine Resources Commission (VMRC) was scheduled to rescind the approval of the Virginia Beach Wetlands Board. Prior to the VMRC hearing, Mr. Hay and the attorney representing the owner/builder Clinton Bradshaw, reached a tentative compromise, relocating the structure 20 feet farther away from the primary dune than originally planned. The compromise is contingent upon Mr. Bradshaw obtaining a side setback variance at the June 7, 2007 Board of Zoning Appeals (BZA) hearing.

It was further noted that our state Delegate, Leo Wardrup had involved himself in the matter, but supplying information and making a key phone call to VMRC, and that this was no doubt due to the efforts and interest expressed by the Zoning Committee. Kane also elaborated that the owner's attorney had misrepresented the plat of the property, resulting in the Wetlands Board's approval based on erroneous assumptions.

A question from the floor about another construction project on Jefferson revealed that the subject property was being placed in the footprint of the demolished property, and required no variances. Morrison then extended the

thanks of the League to the Zoning Committee, and especially Muhlendorf, for accomplishment to date.

For a report on the Shore Drive Community Coalition (SDCC) meeting April 24, 2006, Grace Moran stated that the bulk of the evening was devoted to hearing from the candidates seeking election in the Virginia Beach City Council and School Board elections on May 2, 2006. Following that forum, SDCC took up the subject of the Shore Drive Safety Task Force. Jennifer Downin stated that the recommendations of the Task Force were to be presented to the City Council at 6 p.m. on May 23, 2006 in Council chambers. Moran informed the League that further information about the SDCC proceedings could be found on the SDCC Website, [www.SDCC.info](http://www.SDCC.info). She encouraged all members to contact City Council members requesting the necessary funding.

In the Shore Drive Advisory Committee report, Anne Kane said that the focus of the last meeting was also the Shore Drive Safety Task Force recommendations to the City. Judy Connors noted that most of the recommendations were contained in the Shore Drive Corridor Plan issued in 2000 and largely ignored by the City. She further noted that Phase I of the Shore Drive Corridor Plan was currently underway and that the need now was for funding for Phases II and III. Nicole Felini added that many of the Task Force recommendations did not provide solutions, rather it recommends additional studies. Felini noted that there had been studies, analyses and evaluations aplenty, and that additional funds should be directed to actual improvements.

Liz Dyer asked why the speed limit on Shore Drive could not be reduced to the rate on the North End. Grace Moran replied that the zoning on Shore Drive was not principally residential as it was at the North End. Judy Connors added that one of the City Attorneys has said that there were legalities involved, as Shore Drive is also a State highway, Route 60. Nicole Felini asked how the 35 mph speed limit had been accomplished on Ocean View Blvd. in Norfolk, as it was also Route 60, to which Connors reiterated the opinion of the City Attorney. Dyer then posed the possibility of signage which emphasized the Shore Drive nomenclature for the psychological advantage.

Questions then arose about the status of bike paths and sidewalks along the Ocean Park stretch of Shore Drive. Apparently, Phase I is to include a bike path from the Taste Unlimited intersection to the Marlin Bay/Shady Oaks intersection. Anne Kane reported that another option on the North side of Shore Drive from Marlin Bay/Shady Oaks to Baylake Pines had been approved, but not funded.

Judy Connors brought up the matter of the best way to approach City Council, observing that Ocean Park Civic League had long had a reputation with Council for being courteous in their address, and that non-confrontational messages would be more effective than aggressive demands. Moran noted that ways to reach City Council members could be found at the City Website, [www.vbgov.com](http://www.vbgov.com), by clicking first on "City Hall" and then on "City Leaders." Anne Kane added that City schedules could also be found on cable channels 47 and 48.

Kane went on to say that OPCL had benefited from the sand replenishment effort more than other bayfront communities because they had been cooperative with the City in ceding it to be public beach. Morrison then reported that there was a pending over-development on Shore Drive just West of the Pleasure House Road intersection. Nine residential lots fronting Shore Drive have been acquired by a builder hoping to build an 88 unit condominium complex and to change the zoning to B-4. Judy Connors interjected that the builder had backed off to a proposed 77 units, and had reduced the height of the structure.

Morrison has been asked by other civic leagues to speak in opposition at the May 10, 2006 Planning Commission hearing. She will be addressing traffic concerns, citing the rise from approximately 90 to approximately 500 crossings per day and noting that the highest traffic incidence rate on Shore Drive was currently at the Northhampton intersection, 500 feet from a signal, and that the proposed crossing was only 300 feet from a signal. Morrison encouraged attendance at this hearing, as OPCL would no doubt be needing the support of other civic leagues in upcoming issues and that cooperation would be more likely if OPCL turned out in opposition to this proposal as it stands. The Planning Commission hearing is May 10, 2006 at 12 noon in Council Chambers, addressing concerns about the proposed zoning change and its subsequent impact.

A question from the floor about Pleasure House Point yielded the information from Judy Connors that she had predicted that nothing would happen until after the elections, and that now the Sandlers have apparently begun talking to various city officials, but that nothing had been formally proposed yet. Kane announced that Bill Miller, formerly of Duck Inn, has offered live oak trees which will soon need to be removed from that property. There is an adopt-a-tree opportunity in cooperation with the State Agricultural Extension to relocate as many trees as possible.

A quorum having been attained during the course of the meeting, Morrison brought up the New Business item of returning to the bi-monthly meeting schedule, with the Board meeting in the off-months. A motion to that effect was offered and carried. Liz Dyer asked how emerging issues requiring prompt action would be handled and Anne Kane replied that emergency meetings could be called and advertised through flyers.

Morrison then asked about the status of TGIF party planning. Grace Moran replied that no one had offered to assume leadership. Moran offered to inform those present by email of developments if there was an interest. All present asked to be included and those not on email were to be contacted by phone. A question about the Community Yard Sale yielded the information that all who wanted to participate would be given a place on the Yard Sale map and a balloon or perhaps a bunch of balloons to identify their participation. It is to be a one-day event, date to be determined.

Carol Collins acknowledged that there would be a newsletter before the July OPCL meeting. She noted that the last newsletter distribution, over a windy weekend, had resulted in a resident mailman contacting her to remind her that placing newsletters in the mailbox, or even between the flag and the box, was illegal. She asked that the civic league investigate the possibility of establishing non-profit mailing status for future distribution.

In the final old business item, the deferred minutes were approved as posted on the Website and as they appeared in the newsletter. In general new business, Andrew Cohn asked about imposing restrictions on jet skis. Kane recommended he contact the city beach and waterways management. He then asked about the possibility of getting power lines moved underground. He stated, and many concurred, that he would be willing to pay a special assessment to have it done. Cohn was asked to write up the topic for the upcoming newsletter.

Liz Dyer noted that the post-Fourth of July beach was trash-laden, and asked if anyone cared to join her in cleaning it up the day after the fireworks. Kane noted that this could replace the adopt-a-street project for which OPCL had been denied permission by the city. Further discussion on the condition of the beach closed with words of praise for Dyer's success in getting dog-scoop boxes installed.

Business was closed by an announcement by Bob Leavenworth about the Community Emergency Response Team. He explained that it was funded by

FEMA grant-in-aid and consisted of five classes of 20-25 people and was always looking for volunteers.

Door prizes from C.P. Shuckers, Dockside, H2O and Smokehouse Grill restaurants were awarded. Everyone was invited to take home party favors provided by Amaryllis Flowers, a new florist business located in the Albemarle Shops. Also raffled was a floral arrangement, also provided by Amaryllis Flowers. Meeting adjourned at 8:30 p.m.

Respectfully submitted,  
Grace Moran, Co-Secretary

**Minutes of the Meeting of the  
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Thursday, July 6  
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The meeting was called to order at 7:05 p.m. by President Ronda Morrison. Following the Pledge of Allegiance to the Flag, the minutes of the meeting May 4, 2006, were approved as posted on the League's Website. Treasurer Anne Kane then presented a summary of the Treasurer's Report, as outstanding credits and debits remained to be posted. The detailed report will be posted within days, current as of June 30, 2006. In summary, the checking account had \$2,000 +/- and the savings account had \$8,500 +/- . Kane also noted that she had an updated roster showing who owed dues for the year 2006 and that only current members were entitled to vote. She invited those uncertain of their status to check the list after the meeting.

In the Zoning Committee update, Diane Muhlendorf reported that after some snarls with the Virginia Marine Resource Commission, the proposed duplex at 3796 Jefferson Boulevard would proceed as agreed by the builder/owner and OPCL, 20 feet closer to Jefferson than originally planned, to avoid encroaching upon a primary dune. Muhlendorf also stated that the attorney retained by OPCL, David Hay, has advised the League to address further concerns of this nature at an earlier stage, in this case, before the Virginia Beach Wetlands Board. It was noted that a member of our community should volunteer to serve on the Wetlands Board.

This brought up the subject of the Talent Bank from which such volunteers are drawn. Judy Connors explained how the city clerk chooses among Talent Bank applicants. It was also noted that it would not hurt any interested party to contact our representative, Louis Jones, to express a desire to serve, once an application had been submitted. Grace Moran offered that the Talent Bank application was available online at the city Website. Muhlendorf asked what the term limits were, to which Connors replied that that most terms were three years, with the exception of the Board of Zoning Appeals, which is five. A maximum of three successive terms may be served. In closing the Zoning Committee report, Muhlendorf encouraged members to call either her or Co-Chair Jennifer Downin to alert them to possible neighborhood issues.

In the absence of Mike Wills, Connors delivered the Shore Drive Advisory Committee (SDAC) report, announcing that a meeting is to be held July 13, 2006, at 3:30 p.m. in the Baylake United Methodist Church on the subject of the proposed development of Pleasure House Point. The presentation will be made by the Sandler group and it is not to be a workshop, although the public is encouraged to attend. Also on the agenda is the proposed revision to development on the site of the former Duck-Inn. Connors noted that the comment period at the end of the presentation was for the benefit of the SDAC members, and reminded that SDAC does not make recommendations, only offers suggestions.

In lieu of the Shore Drive Community Coalition (SDCC) report, Jennifer Downin recapped what SDCC was doing with regard to the proposed development of Pleasure House Point. She had received a letter from Robert Berg, of the Army Corps of Engineers (ACE), explaining the history of previous ACE reviews and rulings, under the ownership of Wayne

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McLeskey. Two permits have been issued in the past, one by the Virginia Department of Environmental Quality (DEQ) and one by the Wetlands Board. Downin had been in touch with DEQ spokesperson Sherry Kattan who says that there are three different issues to be addressed, Vegetative Wetlands, Tidal Wetlands and U.S. Open Waters. She informed Downin that there had been no contact with her to date by the Sandlers. Downin has walked the property with SDCC members, as there are no "No Trespassing" signs posted. Possible actions which might be taken as delaying tactics would be to hire an attorney to seek appropriate injunctions to activity undertaken prior to the completion of the city and state approval processes and concerned citizens contacting their local elected representatives. She emphasized that the time to make such contact is now, without delay.

There has only been one permit and that is a conditional use permit issued from the ACE. And the conditions required are three-fold. One - a permit must be issued from the DEQ. Two - a permit must be issued from the wetlands board. Three - Mc Leskey must show ownership of the land from the water's edge to the middle of the Creek. With out these 3 things in place they can not do anything to the wetlands and the permit from the ACE is not in effect. They have until 2008 to get these things in place before the ACE permit runs out. Anyone wanting to help in this project should call or email Jennifer Downin at 464-0443 or [VAJMLD@aol.com](mailto:VAJMLD@aol.com)

Downin also reported that residents who backed up to the property, living on Chesterfield are concerned, but have not been in concert with either the SDCC or OPCL, but have been in touch with an attorney. Downin requested assistance in writing a letter for the benefit of those residents and others like them. She also noted that many households on the Southside are not receiving their newsletters, to which Kane responded that she would be working on filling out the ranks of Southside distributors. She made a plea for additional volunteers to come forward. Morrison encouraged Downin to invite these people to future meetings.

At this point, a suggestion was made from the floor that it may be time for a fresh petition regarding this matter. Susan Karlau stated that SDCC was also considering such a petition, as the one some 4-5 years ago needed to be updated. The language of the new petition needs to be more specific in terms of what is requested, and residents first need to be informed as to the facts of the matter as it now stands. Downin requested assistance in contacting the Chesapeake Bay Foundation and Lynnhaven 2007. Other details of the proposal and the petition were floated, but no specifics were decided.

In a further SDCC update, Kane noted that there had been success recently in the failure of an application before City Council to build a 77-unit complex adjacent to WaWa on Shore Drive, and that additional density on Shore Drive was Key to the Council vote. Additionally, SDCC is holding the annual Oyster Roast at the Virginia Beach Resort Center on Saturday, October 14, 2006 and that there would be shuttles from nearby parking areas to the site.

In the Clean up the Beach effort on July 8, 2006, Liz Dyer announced that the event would run 9-11 a.m., beginning at the foot of Albemarle. She further noted that the Community Yard Sale deadline for sign-up was fast approaching and that interest had been light so far. Plans call for an ad in the *Virginian Pilot*, signs, balloons and maps to participating locations. The Salvation Army was on standby for anyone who wanted to have unsold merchandise picked up

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after the event. Jill Broome stated that a similar sale in Aeries had approximately 20 households and was considered very successful. She added that if 94.9 Radio was mentioned in the print ad, the radio station would broadcast information on the event.

The next TGIF is scheduled for July 14, 2006 at the foot of Dupont Circle. Lew Mabie brought up a problem with obstructing plantings and fencing around the property under development on Powhatan. Connors suggested that he contact the city Traffic Department. A comment from the floor observed that there was excessive litter and debris at a construction site in the 3600 block of Jefferson Blvd. Another inquiry from the floor concerned a recent flea market on the site of what had been proposed as Vintage Quay, at the old Colley Marine location. Muhlendorf agreed to check on both items in her capacity as Zoning Committee Co-Chair. Also from the floor came a request for guidance in neighborhood restrictions regarding fencing and landscaping. The questioner was referred to Karen Lasley, city Zoning Administrator.

At this time, all other official business being concluded, a motion was made to adjourn the official meeting in order to conduct an informal discussion about the proposed development of the parcel known as Pleasure House Point. Motion carried and the meeting was adjourned at 8:05 p.m.

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**2. How do we address this proposal?** The most commonly expressed objection is that of density, as it relates to traffic burdens, schools and emergency response teams. Sandler has effectively addressed storm water runoff and has cited traffic studies which support the development without enlarging Shore Drive to a six-lane thoroughfare. Does this take into consideration the Pointe Chesapeake addition?

**a. Who will take on the traffic study challenge?**

**b. Who will take on the Schools issue?**

**c. Who will take on the Emergency Response issue?**

**3. How do we convey our concerns to the appropriate governing bodies?**

**a. Virginia Beach Planning Department**

**b. Virginia Department of Environmental Quality**

**c. Virginia Beach Wetlands Board**

**d. Chesapeake Bay Preservation Board**

**e. Virginia Marine Resources Commission**

**f. Army Corps of Engineers (Contrary to commonly held views, this is not finished.)**

**g. Virginia Beach Planning Commission**

**h. City Council**

There are still a lot of hoops to jump through. Be advised, however, that the Sandlers have made some very attractive offers. One of the speakers at the presentation on July 13, 2006, was on target in asking how we can be sure that promises made will be promises kept.

**Minutes of the Meeting of the  
Ocean Park Civic League  
Thursday, August 10, 2006  
Ocean Park Fire and Rescue Station**

The meeting was called to order at 7:11 p.m. by President Ronda Morrison. The first order of business was a presentation by L.M. Sandler & Sons, Inc. regarding the development of Pleasure House Point (aka Indigo Dunes). Members of the Sandler team included Art Sandler, Debra Williams, David Taylor and Christine Pasterczyk, accompanied by Ken Dierks, Karl Mertig and Doug Groff from Kimley-Horn & Associates; Joel Rubin of Rubin Communications (media relations); R.J. Nutter of Troutman Sanders LLP (attorney).

Following the Pledge of Allegiance to the Flag, Morrison introduced Mr. Sandler. He opened his presentation by expressing his disappointment that OPCL had sent a letter to the Mayor and City Council members opposing his development prior to his opportunity to make a presentation. He noted that he had had requests, including the letter, asking for the source studies upon which he based his proposal. He stated that these studies were still being vetted and that he was not prepared to share them. Sandler acknowledged that he had expected opposition to his plan, and that he wished to take questions from the assembly before launching his presentation.

A number of questions were raised, falling into the categories of Aesthetics, Density, Traffic and Safety, Ecology and Environment. At this point, Sandler delivered his description of the proposed development, details of which are available at [www.indigodunesinfo.com](http://www.indigodunesinfo.com). He reported that a sampling of water taken from the surrounding waters contained a fecal count of 920 MPN (most probable number) per 100 milliliters of water. 14 MPN/100 ml is the standard for shellfish, 200 MPN/100ml is the standard for swimming and 0 is the standard for drinking water. The sample was taken from one of the outfall pipes under Marlin Bay Drive that discharges into the adjacent drainage canal during a rainfall event. (Statistics provided by his Project Coordinator, Christine Pasterczyk) He pointed out that the contamination was compounded by the failure of the city's retention pond which is not being maintained, all of which Sandler says he will bring up to standard in his development.

Sandler admitted that his claim of approximately 50% open space was largely composed of undeveloped area required by various regulatory bodies. He further stated that the number of units proposed was driven by his target profit figure, amenities and improvements. Sandler disclosed that he is in discussion with the city regarding a funding mechanism to initiate Shore Drive improvements, but that he was not at liberty to reveal details as yet. A further question indicated that the funding mechanism would consist largely of tax revenues derived from the development of the property.

Several members presented traffic observations, including concerns that with Bay Vista and Pointe Chesapeake being developed, Shore Drive would suffer more capacity failure than it did already. It was further noted that Sandler's proposal would nearly double the population of Ocean Park. The question was raised as to how many duplexes would be allowed on such a site (600-700 with no open space). On the issue of schools, Sandler noted that school enrollments

are already declining, so there should not be any overpopulation problems attendant on the development.

Sandler stated that his three main arguments for the development were that 1) It is architecturally and aesthetically pleasing. 2) It improves the property, environmentally as well as architecturally. 3) It permits approximately 50% open space.

Miscellaneous questions ensued. The adequacy of 2 parking places per unit plus 250 additional unassigned space was challenged. (Exceeds city requirements) Would property values go up or down as a result of this development? (Unknown) Would permanent public access be written into Homeowners' documents? (Yes) What is the funding mechanism for Shore Drive improvements? (Future tax revenues) Where would the access(es) be for future residents and construction equipment? (One entrance on Marlin Bay Drive) How would the disruption and noise of construction and construction vehicles be mitigated? (Sandler says they are working on it.) How would this development prevent additional flooding problems, already evident in Southside Ocean Park? (Dierks replied that the storm surge problems were not contingent upon the development of the parcel.) Sandler then noted that he was abdicating his riparian rights (his under a king's grant) in order to put into effect a permanent easement to ensure that the Pleasure House Creek will never be filled.

In a timeline of future hearings, Sandler noted that his first step would be the August 28, 2006 application to the Chesapeake Bay Preservation Area (CBPA) Board, followed by the Wetlands Board (pending the outcome of the CBPA decision), approval by the Virginia Department of Environmental Quality and the Army Corps of Engineers. Sandler stated that wetland permitting actually entailed three permits, of which he already has one (Army Corps of Engineers.) There would be a Flood Plain permit required, as well. Sandler closed by inviting members of OPCL to attend his Open House at Cox High School on August 17, 2006, at which he would have experts on Traffic and Safety, Ecology and Environment, and architecture on hand to answer any questions in one-on-one discussion. He also invited interested parties to call his office at 463-5000 with any questions.

At this point, Morrison called a five-minute recess, after which discussion of the presentation would be entertained. The meeting resumed at 8:37, and Treasurer Anne Kane reminded all to attend the Cox High School event for more information. Proceeding with other business, the minutes of the OPCL meeting on July 6, 2006 were approved and the Treasurer's Report was waived for the second time. Other agenda items were deferred until next month's meeting. These included: the disposition of the property at 3608 E. Stratford Road, R5R Zoning Changes and the Christmas Care Packages to the Troops.

Morrison announced that she was stepping down as President of OPCL, as life events precluded her from fully executing her duties. Shyrlie Hurwitz, Vice-President, will serve as President, *Pro-tem*, until a replacement can be found. Anne Kane presented Morrison with a floral arrangement and a Certificate of Appreciation, together with the gratitude of the Board and League for her service during the past year. Leslie Cornwall, a representative of Baylake Pines Civic League, also conveyed the appreciation of that organization for Morrison's cooperation, especially in defeating the proposed 77 unit development adjacent to WaWa.

Discussion then recommenced regarding PHP. Most of the major concerns which arose during the presentation were reiterated, along with the observation that the 11 story high-rises would establish a toehold for future high-rises away from Shore Drive and along the waterway. Todd Solomon, Chairman of the Shore Drive Community Coalition, was called upon to assess the actions OPCL should take in the upcoming proceedings. He recommended that one or two knowledgeable representatives attend the CBPA Board hearing, that no representatives are necessary at the Planning Commission hearing and that the community appear *en masse* at the City Council meeting, whenever it occurs.

A motion was made that OPCL adopt an official position opposing the development of Indigo Dunes due to the impact of its density on Shore Drive traffic and safety and the environment and ecology of the area. Discussion centered on whether the league should entertain a compromise number of units and whether petitions should be circulated. Liz Dyer produced a sign-up sheet for individuals willing to collect signatures, should a petition be necessary. Susan Karlau provided Vice-mayor Louis Jones' phone numbers, 583-0177 and 464-2151, for those wishing to communicate their interest to him. Following the discussion, the motion was presented and adopted. (Secretary's Note: As this motion was not on the agenda, the motion must be placed on the agenda for the OPCL meeting on September 7, 2006, and re-voted. *Robert's Rules of Order.*)

Attention then turned to the issue of whether or not OPCL should retain an attorney to represent OPCL in legal maneuvers pertaining to this matter. After some discussion of what such counsel would be tasked to do and whether it was timely to contact an attorney now, the motion was made and adopted to authorize the Executive Board to make such a decision. Diane Muhlendorf, Zoning Chair, is assigned to interview two or three candidates at the direction of the Board. The motion was then made that the Executive Board be given approval to spend money for an attorney to represent OPCL on issues regarding Pleasure House Point. (Secretary's Note: See above. *Robert's Rules of Order.*)

Following a reminder that the next OPCL meeting would be September 7, 2006, the meeting was adjourned at 9:10 p.m.

Respectfully submitted,  
Grace Moran  
Co-Secretary, OPCL

**Minutes of the meeting of the  
Ocean Park Civic League  
Thursday, September 7, 2006  
Ocean Park Fire and Rescue Station**

The meeting was called to order at 7:05 by Acting President Shyrlee Hurwitz. Following the Pledge of Allegiance to the Flag, a moment of silence was observed in honor of John Wigmore, a valued member of the Civic League who died suddenly on August 14, 2006. Hurwitz then called for a motion to approve the minutes of the meeting August 10, 2006, as posted on the Website and published in the *Echo*. Motion made and carried. Treasurer Anne Kane then summarized the Treasurer's Report, stating that the League had \$8,050.96 in savings and \$2,584 in checking, pending printing expenses. Kane noted that income from the rental property at 3608 E. Stratford has ceased, as the former tenant has moved out and a new tenant has not moved in, although there is an interested party.

Hurwitz then announced that State Delegate Leo Wardrup had phoned a board member the day before, expressing regret that he would not be able to attend this meeting, but that he would be out of town. Wardrup expressed his desire to follow the issues being discussed at this meeting.

In order to comply with parliamentary procedure, two motions made and voted at the last meeting were presented again. This was necessary as the previous meeting's agenda itemizing these motions was not circulated prior to that meeting. The first motion, that OPCL adopt an official position opposing the development of Indigo Dunes at Pleasure House Point due to the impact of its density on Shore Drive traffic and safety and the environment and ecology of the area, was offered again and carried. The second motion, to authorize the Executive Board of OPCL to spend money for an attorney to represent OPCL on issues regarding Pleasure House Point, was offered again and carried.

Kane then announced that the interview process for locating such an attorney had begun. When questioned as to what an attorney might provide, Kane responded that the attorney could furnish guidance and representation for the League in the lengthy process of approval and permitting by various regulatory bodies.

Jennifer Downin, Chairwoman of the Subcommittee on Pleasure House Point issues, then gave a report of the status of the proposed Indigo Dunes development. Two hearings before the Chesapeake Bay Preservation Area Board (CBPA) and the Planning Commission have been postponed and the earliest a hearing will be held would be at the September 25, 2006, meeting of the CPBA Board. Downin noted that at this hearing, the only effective opposition would be couched in terms of scientific facts and statistics refuting studies used by the Sandlers in making their application. She noted that OPCL was having a difficult time finding expert spokespersons to speak on behalf of OPCL due to conflicts of interest between local experts who also have business with the Sandlers and made a plea for anyone who knows of potential authoritative speakers to let her know. Downin gave some examples of the environmental problems which might arise from developing the parcel according to the current plan.

Downin was then asked the difference between the CBPA Board and the Wetlands Board. Downin replied that each supplied a different form of permit, both of which would be required by the Sandlers. Further discussion addressed the kinds of docks that would be installed

and how many there might be. Downin stated that the Army Corps of Engineers provisional permit allowed only one, but that she had heard the Sandlers say there could be more, possibly four, at some point in the future. An observation from the floor noted that this would require dredging. In answer to a question from the floor regarding the effectiveness of having a large number of people attend the CBPA hearing, Downin stated that it might help to indicate the level of interest, but that it would be counter-productive to speak unless a statement was knowledgeable about the environmental facts.

Further discussion revolved around the Sandlers' claim to King's Grant rights, and whether or not the Sandlers actually possessed such a grant and could produce it. Questions were raised as to what current zoning was actually recorded and what was allowed, whether the future Homeowner's Association had the right to amend agreements made with the city in order to obtain approval of the development, and why the *Virginia Pilot* has not seen fit to publish any of the letters to the editor mailed so far. An offer was made to seek a review by the Chesapeake Bay Foundation (CBF) of documents held by the Subcommittee. Downin replied that she was already in touch with that organization. Someone then asked who were the members of CPBA board. Downin did not have the list in hand, but directed the question to the Board's Website. She noted that the Board had not been particularly responsive to any of her inquiries. Downin closed her report by referencing the upcoming petition drive which would be addressed later in the meeting.

Hurwitz then announced that the position of North side representative to the OPCL board has been filled by Jim Royall, filling the vacancy created by the resignation of Stuart Terrell and the South side representative is now Nadine Hook, filling the vacancy created by the death of John Wigmore.

Kane rendered a brief report of the status of the proposed R5R zoning changes being studied by the city. The North End civic league and the Oceanfront civic leagues have been working with the city to instill some architectural guidelines to prevent the proliferation of large, boxy duplexes lacking in design elements. Kane said that the city is still working on the language of the proposed changes.

Co-Secretary Grace Moran announced that the Holiday Care Packages that were so successfully executed last year would be assembled again this year. Committee Co-Chairs are Jackie Travers (464-1800) and Sharon Swift (464-3271 or [sharon swift@cox.net](mailto:sharon swift@cox.net)). The goal this year is 100 boxes for the Seals from Little Creek Amphibious Bases who are deployed over the holidays. Moran noted that last year's list of desired items was still good, but that we need to do a better job this year of coordinating to avoid getting an overabundance of a single item or a shortage of desirable items. Moran encouraged anyone interested in working on this project to contact Travers or Swift, or that any Board member listed in the *Echo* could put them in touch.

Liz Dyer reported on the status of the petition opposing the current plan for development of Pleasure House Point. Dyer said that there were approximately 175 petitions now or soon to be in circulation, carrying 20 signatures per page. Anyone who is a resident of Virginia Beach, 16 years old or older is welcome to sign. She noted that she has received a lot of cooperation from other civic leagues, including the North End, Sandbridge and Harbor Gate. She encouraged those who could not find the time to circulate a petition to ask someone else to take up the effort. A flyer is available to circulate with the petition spelling out some of the elements of the opposition. Tentative plans are being made for a petition blitz party in the near future, possibly

September 16 or September 30, 2006. Petitions are to be returned to Dyer by October 22, 2006, although that deadline was flexible. From the floor came the suggestion to set up a table at Neptune Festival. Dyer responded that the idea of setting up tables was not altogether welcome by area businesses.

New Business brought the question of whether the PTAs and schools could be involved in gathering signatures for the petition. Dyer responded that some of the schools were in favor of the development, as Sandler has promised access for kayaks and crew teams which school teams need. From the floor came the observation that at the Sandler presentation at Baylake Methodist Church, she ascertained from a Sandler representative that there would only be 6 to 8 parking spaces allocated for that purpose, that overflow would park in spaces inside the eleven story condominiums. Downin announced that the Shore Drive Community Coalition (SDCC) was working on promotional items to support the opposition, using a logo designed by a member of the community.

In other New Business, Kane announced that tickets were available for the Annual SDCC Oyster Roast Saturday, October 14, 1 - 4 p.m. at the Virginia Beach Resort and Conference Center. Entertainment to be provided by Eddie Sal and a portion of the net proceeds were to go to Friends of First Landing State Park, various charities and SDCC. Carol Collins reminded the assembly that OPCL was at a crucial time and that the need for a President was compelling. Collins asked that members consider accepting the position or persuading someone of ability to do so.

Mike Wills then delivered a brief Zoning Committee report, noting that all members need to keep an eye on the neighborhood for the posting for request for variances and for more people to become involved with attending hearings, researching requests and the like. Wills noted that genuine hardships did exist and that OPCL intended to be reasonable in opposing requests. A request for variance on a property on Stratford Road was made by Stone Ventures, who wants to construct a single-family home where a duplex could be built. Hearing was deferred until October 18, 2006. Also, on Woodlawn Avenue, a single family residence had requested a variance to install some steps, which the Board of Zoning Appeals granted. Wills again expressed a desire to have an enlarged Zoning Committee meeting to review issues, contact owners, contact neighbors and to decide which issues to actively oppose.

Door prizes were awarded by raffle: a potted plant from Lynn Hume, Realtor; \$25 Gift Certificate from Dockside Restaurant; \$25 Gift Certificate from H2O Restaurant; \$25 Gift Certificate from C.P. Shuckers; \$25 Gift Certificate from Smokehouse Grill. Meeting was adjourned at 7:55 p.m.

Respectfully submitted,  
Grace Moran, Co-Secretary

**Minutes of the meeting of the  
Ocean Park Civic League  
Thursday, November 9, 2006  
Ocean Park Fire and Rescue Station**

The meeting was called to order at 7:05 by Acting President Shyrlie Hurwitz. The Treasurer's Report was waived and the minutes of the meeting September 7, 2006 were approved as posted on the OPCL Website. The agenda opened with a status update on issues regarding Pleasure House Point (PHP).

Jennifer Downin, Chairwoman of the OPCL Subcommittee on PHP, reported that many emails from OP residents had been received by the Virginia Beach City Council, Planning Department and the Sandlers. The Chesapeake Bay Preservation Area (CPBA) Board hearing, which had been scheduled for this fall has been deferred until January. The Sandlers had filed a Joint Permit Application for review by the Wetlands Board, The Army Corps of Engineers and Virginia Department of Environmental Quality, but has now withdrawn it for the time being. Downin reported that such an action is unprecedented. It was, she said, possibly because of a request for more information. Judy Connors noted from the floor that the Wetlands Board hearing could still occur as early as December 6, 2006, but that posting would have to be almost immediate. Downin encouraged all residents to be on the lookout for signs to that effect and to notify an OPCL officer if something appeared.

When asked if the title to the property had passed, Downin replied that she had been told by Wayne McLeskey, present owner, that it would not happen until March 2007 for tax reasons. The Sandlers are making their applications with the present owner's agreement, as is permitted by law. Downin also alluded to other efforts being undertaken by the Subcommittee in the form of petition drive, fundraising efforts to pay for the engagement of environmental experts to develop strategy and act as expert witness, should the need arise. A representative of the firm hired by OPCL will be coming in the next month or so to perform sample studies.

The question was raised as to whether an attorney would be engaged, to which Downin answered that there was nothing an attorney could do until some application had been approved along the way. She noted that the Shore Drive Community Coalition (SDCC) was also involved in the fight, contributing \$500, and that the fundraising yields would be applied to this, if necessary, along with the expert witness expenses. It was noted that McLesky sat on the Board of the Virginia Resources Commission, which would hear any appeal. It is expected that he would recuse himself from hearing the issue, on appeal, but that it was likely he would discuss it with his colleagues on the Board.

At this point, Larry Raines spoke on his experience with similar matters in Richmond and Charlotte, NC. He had seen the creation of a Nature Park idea which entailed a legal maneuver to allow an owner to donate land for the common good in exchange for tax and other considerations elsewhere. The further benefits were to stop the development and to give the community something good. McLeskey might even be able to see a benefit in future city council decisions. Downin encouraged more exploration of this idea.

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The Treasurer's Report was given, summarized as a current balance in savings of \$8,554.54 and \$1,239.60 in checking. She noted income from rent, dues, ad revenues, donations and yard sale net profits totaling \$2716.34 and expenses for legal fees, yard sale, postage and printing costs of \$3,707.16. She noted that the revenue stream from 3608 E. Stratford has been interrupted by the departure of the former tenant, but that the property has been inspected and deemed suitable for future short-term rental until a determination can be made regarding final disposition of the property. Some discussion ensued about the relocation of the VB Fire Department and the OP Rescue Squad. Kane reported that although the VB Fire Department was relocating, the OP Rescue Squad had purchased the lot adjacent to the present building and was planning to demolish the existing building and erect a new one on the consolidated property.

Discussion of PHP developments resumed with Liz Dyer's report that the petition drive was in full swing and had garnered many signatures on Election Day and that there would be a full scale drive on November 18, 2006, commencing at 9 a.m. in the parking lot of Yellow Fins restaurant. Petition canvassers would be sent out from this location and return there afterwards for free lunch and that T-shirts, bumper stickers and signs would be available. She stated that the deadline for signatures had been extended from October 22 to November 22 and could even be extended beyond that, given the delay in application filings on the part of the Sandlers. Howard Weinberg noted that he lived on Crab Creek and that he would be willing to post a large sign on the waterfront to reach boaters, whom he thought were very interested in seeing the property preserved.

Walt Stone then delivered particulars about the promotional items available. He had brought a large sign (4' x 6') with him, which is available for \$250. He also displayed a smaller sign, which could be had double-sided on core plastic, including frame at a cost of \$4.65 if ordered in quantity of 150 or more. He had thought to give them away (voluntary donation invited), but was encouraged to consider selling instead. He also said that the sign could be made even larger (up to 4' x 8') but did not have a cost, as he is still looking for places along Shore Drive to position such signs. Discussion on the floor noted that city ordinances would come into play for extended exposure of such signs, even on private property. Stone also displayed designs for bumper stickers and described the T-shirts, for which an initial order of 25 has been placed. Vicki Schiano asked if signs were available in magnetic application, to which Stone replied that anything could be made available, but he did not have pricing information on the spot.

Comments were interjected at this point about the fact that 3608 E. Stratford Road represented a valuable asset to OPCL, and whether or not it could and should be put into play. A further question was what our tax consequences with regard to the sale of the property would be. Susan Karlau stated that there would not be a problem for the organization to do so, assuming it was properly handled by the general membership by vote. Grace Moran noted that this was an on-going discussion, but that with the urgency of the PHP issue and the lack of a president, this issue should be deferred, but invited all who are interested in a resolution to participate in the on-going considerations.

In his Shore Drive Advisory Committee (SDAC) report, Mike Wills said that his last attendance was at an SDAC workshop in which ways were discussed to have a wider exposure to

the community. He noted that in the last three years, there had only been one newsletter produced by SDAC. He said there was discussion of Phases 2 through 6 of the Shore Drive Corridor Plan, and that Phase 2 was 35% funded, there was no funding for the remaining work recommended. He stated that Shore Drive was to remain a four-lane versus a six-lane thoroughfare, according to city plans. Judy Connors, a member of SDAC and also an Ocean Park resident, noted that all SDAC meeting were open to the public, and that there has been a notable lack of attendance by residents to provide input. Further discussion about the implementation of the Shore Drive Corridor plan noted that there were a number of strange easements along this path and that the city was planning to try to deal with them all at one time, but that some of the conditions pre-dated the city's incorporation.

In the SDCC report, Anne Kane noted that the group met the last Monday of every month at 7:30 p.m. at the OP Fire and Rescue Station and that meetings were open to the public. At the meeting October 30, 2006, much of the discussion was about the request by the VB Resort and Conference Center for a Conditional Use Permit (CUP) to hold outdoor entertainment. In the past the city has issued special events permits for seasonal entertainments, but has changed to a requirement for a CUP, which covers the entire year. In the past the Resort Center had made a presentation to SDCC presenting their position, with their weekday and weekend hours. At that time, the SDCC elected to remain neutral on the subject. Kane then noted that the Resort Center had hosted the most recent Oyster Roast benefit for SDCC and that it had been hugely successful. She noted that she did not see many OPCL members at the Oyster Roast and encouraged all to make a commitment to attend next year, when it will be held on a Saturday or Sunday late in October. This year's profit was \$1,200, of which \$500 was donated to OPCL's efforts in PHP. In other SDCC business, the Shore Drive Safety Task Force was again addressed, and the OPCL petition drive was carried to other civic leagues. On Saturday, November 18, 2006, the SDCC will be hosting a Clean-Up Day from Starbucks to Seashore State Park, which will unfortunately conflict with the Petition Drive. Kane encouraged residents to continue to send email, letters and phone calls to city officials regarding PHP.

In the absence of committee co-chairs Sharon Swift and Jackie Travers, Grace Moran reported that the Care Packages to be assembled at the Holiday Party on December 10, 2006, would aim for 100 packages, as opposed to the 34 assembled last year. Moran called upon the membership to contact Swift at [sharon swift@cox.net](mailto:sharon swift@cox.net) or Jackie Travers at 464-1800 to coordinate contributions. Moran confirmed with Carol Collins, newsletter editor, that a flyer would be forthcoming with details of desirable contributions.

On the status of the search for a President of OPCL, there was no progress. In addressing the needs of the newsletter, Carol Collins stated that she needed a replacement, as she has served for three years and is ready to move on. She noted that she will be out of town for most of December and there would possibly be no December newsletter. Ronda Morrison appears willing to continue as Publisher, but there will be no Editor. Anne Kane updated the newsletter delivery routes.

In new business, Mary Pat Liggio announced the formation of a new group appointed by city council, to be known as the Virginia Beach Green Ribbon Committee. Its function is to explore ways to create development and supporting infrastructure that minimizes the use of

resources, reduces harmful effect on water quality and creates healthier environments for people. The first meeting was held Monday November 6 at the Law Enforcement Training Academy, 411 Integrity Way and further information can be had from Pam Lingle, 385-6628. In other new business, Judy Connors noted that our representative, Louis Jones, had asked for citizen input at a meeting regarding Shore Drive improvements held on November 7, 2006. It was noted that as this was Election Day, many civic-minded individuals were otherwise engaged. Connors reaffirmed the need for citizens to get involved and stay involved.

In the final item of new business, a question from the floor asked how to form a group to protest rising real estate taxes. As the question came from a resident of Chesapeake House, it was observed that he already belonged to a group who could address this issue, specifically the condo association. Judy Connors also noted that Robert Dean and John Moss, both residents of Virginia Beach, listed in the white pages of the telephone book, had formed a group with this focus.

Before closing, Anne Kane announced that Ocean Park had lost a valued member in the death of Clinton Horton, a long-time resident and father-in-law of past-president Billy Sykes. A motion was made and passed to donate, per the family's request, \$25 to the Ocean Park Fire and Rescue Squad, in his memory.

Following a drawing for door prizes from C.P. Shuckers, Dockside, H2O and Dockside restaurants, the meeting adjourned at 8:25 p.m.

Respectfully submitted,  
Grace Moran  
Secretary