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GENERAL MEMBERSHIP MEETING

April 4, 2019

Brock Environmental Center

MINUTES

1. The meeting was called to order at 7:35 p.m. and opened with President Broyles leading the membership in the Pledge of Allegiance.
2. Officer Wroblewski was not able to attend so Jill Doczi presented a brief crime report.
3. The minutes from the March General Membership meeting were presented in hard copy. The minutes were approved as presented.
4. The Treasurer's Report was presented by President Broyles, and Mike Wills, Chair of the Finance Committee, added additional information about the investment accounts and answered questions. The report was approved as presented.
5. President Broyles provided an update on the Golf Cart Petition to the City. The initiative has stalled because of the lack of volunteers to do the door-to-door solicitation of signatures that is required. The number of renters in the neighborhood also presents a challenge as the City requires property owners to sign the petition.

President Broyles presented the suggestion from the Board of Directors that the City Council be approached to allow Ocean Park to self-certify as a golf cart community as a pilot program. The concept is that any neighborhood that has speed limits not in excess of 25 mph be allowed to self-certify. Several members expressed skepticism that the City would entertain this approach. The golf cart issue has been further complicated by City officials issuing conflicting information about how much leeway golf carts have when operators have been issued a handicapped letter from the City.

A motion was made to approach the City with the proposal and was then amended to say that OPCL would continue to solicit signatures for the original petition. The motion was passed.

Mike Wills raised the issue of where the golf carts at the beach could park. Mike has previously provided a map that showed areas where some type of pavement could be added to provide golf-cart parking. It was agreed that parking would be needed to avoid having golf carts parked on the beach.

5. President Broyles provided an update on various infrastructure issues in Ocean Park that the City has been asked to address. He indicated that Public Works has indicated that they will not take action in response to a general complaint. Depending on the nature of the issue it might take a CIP in order to address it. They also indicated they are 1.5 years out in addressing complaints. SeeClickFix is a good tool to address specific problems

such as potholes, street lights, etc. Slides were presented that showed the website and discussion centered on how to specifically note a problem. Each resident was asked to use this tool for any issues that are on their street or that they see in the neighborhood. It was also noted that reporting a light out requires the person reporting to provide the number that is on the light pole.

Several residents discussed other issues including the parking on Shady Oaks near the 7-11 that continues to create a driver and pedestrian hazard, and issues with Dominion Energy-owned poles.

6. Tim Solanic presented an update on the status of Phase IV. At present, the initial pavement of Shore Drive between Marline Bay and the Lesner Bridge is set for this year once the crosswalk is installed at E. Stratford and Shore Drive. Phase IV design is scheduled for 2020 with construction to start in 2023. Phase IV includes replacing sewer lines and installing sidewalks and designated bike lanes, in addition to repaving.

Tim indicated there is an open budget meeting for the City on April 30, but since projects are on track and in the budget, no action should be needed from OPCL at this time.

7. The City has completed tree trimming on the Northside of Ocean Park but has indicated funds are not available to complete the Southside. This will be addressed with the City again.
8. OPCL sent a letter to Governor Northam, the Mayor, Councilman Jones, and Lynnhaven River NOW about forming a partnership to utilize the existing Crab Creek platform as an aquaculture center for oyster spat development. The Lynnhaven Wharf was built as part of the staging area for the Lesner Bridge construction. OPCL agreed at a previous meeting not to oppose the City's leaving the wharf in place because of the high cost to remove it, but to oppose any efforts to use it as a transfer site for neighborhood dredge spoils. The fast current at the site makes it ideal for oyster spats, and it is hoped that this would also prevent the site from being used for industrial purposes. Governor Northam has not responded to the letter, which may be a result of the timing of the letter which was sent just a few days before the Governor came under criticism for socially inappropriate behavior while he was in college. The Board will draft a second letter to both the Governor and Mayor.
9. President Broyles reminded the membership of the draft letter presented at the March meeting to the City regarding several neighborhood improvement issues. The letter will undergo minor revisions because of subsequent events/information and will be sent.
10. President Broyles presented the new General Membership Meeting dates. Meetings have been increased to monthly events that will continue through the summer. One of the primary reasons is that if OPCL needs to act quickly on issues and a membership vote is needed, the wait time can be several months. This is often too late to address the issue.

President Broyles reminded members that there will be some sand replenishment in 2020 that will come from the dredging of Lynnhaven Inlet area. In 2023, the federal project that involves dredging of the Chesapeake Bay shipping channels will provide sand replenishment similar to what was completed at Chesapeake Beach near the CBBT and will earn the Ocean Parks beach the designation of an engineered beach. *[NOTE: Engineered beaches are based on a detailed understanding of the prevailing coastal processes and incorporate clear design criteria. Much like designing any other civil works*

project, such as a bridge or highway, engineered beach nourishment projects also have specific performance or design life expectations. This is different from projects that simply add sand for habitat mitigation, for beneficial dredged material disposal, or for temporary recreational beach enhancement.]

11. President Broyles reviewed the donation commitments from OPCL. One is the \$1000 donation to the Chesapeake Bay Foundation. The other is a pledge of \$50,000 for the Ocean Park Volunteer Rescue Squad's building fund. OPVRS is preparing a major, much-needed renovation and this pledge was made several years ago. The funds are available to make this donation and a check will be sent in the next few weeks. Tim Solanic that, instead of making the donation, OPCL use that money to sponsor a large black-tie event that could potentially raise more money for OPVRS. Members commented on the suggestion, but no motion was made to adopt that approach.
12. Lynda Martin reminded everyone of the upcoming Spring Fling on April 27, 3-6 p.m. at Taste Unlimited. This is free to all dues-paying Ocean Park residents. Anyone who has not yet paid their 2019 dues can do so via the PayPal link on OPCL.org or at the gate at the Spring Fling event. Anyone who wishes to volunteer to assist should contact Lynda Martin or Joanne Parker.
13. Jill Doczi presented an update on the July 3rd Fireworks. Much of the payment has been made, and there will be an envelope door-to-door campaign prior to July 4th to raise funds to support this event. Jill answered several questions from the members about the location of the barge, how adjacent neighborhoods contribute, etc.
14. Mike Wills presented the Finance Committee Report. The Robbins Legacy account held investments valued at approximately \$314,100 as of Mar 31st. The current portfolio allocation is approximately 79% fixed income/cash and 21% equity investments. In addition to the growth of the initial \$180,000 Robbins account investment and a subsequent deposit of \$75,000 in 2018, the portfolio is expected to generate approximately \$8500/year in interest and dividends which is used to fund distributions. Since 2008, approximately \$62,000 has now been distributed in support of civic league functions and community organizations.

Mike Wills, Todd Parker, Johnathan Macy and Blake Norris are current members of the Finance Committee which oversees the management of the Robbins Legacy Account. If you have ideas for funding of community projects and improvements in Ocean Park or would like to participate as a member of the committee, please contact any officer of OPCL.
15. Jen Kiggans introduced herself as a candidate for the 7th District Senate Seat that will be open with the retirement of State Senator Frank Wagner. Ms. Kiggans is a former Navy pilot and currently an EVMS nurse practitioner.
16. The meeting was adjourned at 9:15 p.m.