

BELLAMY WOODS



CIVIC LEAGUE

General Membership Meeting

7:00pm on October 22, 2013

Providence Elementary School Library

MINUTES

Directors Present: Greg Turpin, Frank Gewet, Kyle Bullard, Walter Camp, Cathe Waters, Dr. John Sokolowski, John Glenn

Directors Absent: (none)

Board Associates (nonvoting) Present: Long-Quan Pham, Minh-Quan Pham

Board Associates (nonvoting) Absent: (none)

Opening

Bellamy Woods Civic League President Walter Camp brought the meeting to order at 7PM EDT in the library of Providence Road Elementary school. 10 persons were present, each of which indicated current membership in the league. There were no guest speakers this evening. The meeting agenda membership forms, and 2013 calender were available for pickup at the door.

Mr. Camp opened the meeting with the pledge of allegiance.

Treasurer's Report

Treasurer Cathe Waters presented a current report of revenues and expenses. League memberships are nearly half way to our annual goal of \$6750.00. Advertisement revenue is also halfway to our goal. Party in the Park came in under budget. The league has realized cost savings on membership mailings through the use of e-blasts. Mrs. Waters added that the newsletter will be going out in the next week. She further noted that the line item for Donations in Kind covers materials donated for Party in the Park. Local School PTA memberships have been paid. The cost of our supplemental event accident insurance was estimated at \$300 but came in at \$350 and covers Party in the Park and Halloween in the Park. On the matter of business income tax, Mrs. Waters noted that the league had to pay both state and federal tax. The PayPal charge is for the device and service which allows residents now able to join using paypal via a board member's smart phone. The league holds \$2000 in reserve for our insurance deductible, leaving approximately \$8500 funds available for future projects.

Volunteer Appreciation and Opportunities

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Mr. Camp indicated that several board member positions are coming open this year. Additionally, VBCCO is currently accepting nominations for awards recognizing those who have been of distinguished service to their communities.

Board Member Reports

Party in the Park Recap: Vice President Kyle Bullard recapped the neighborhood Party in the Park. The face painting and bouncy house were particularly well received by those in attendance. Mr. Bullard reiterated that the event came in under budget, given the approval to increase the budget to accommodate the bouncy house and food expense. Finally Mr. Bullard recognized Tom Brandl in absentia, who stepped up to manage the day's events. Mr. Camp added that 209 people attended, nearly a record for the event.

Halloween Party: Mr. Bullard announced that Halloween in the Park is coming up as the next family event this coming Sunday.

Landscaping Programs: Mr Bullard reported that no landscaping projects are upcoming. He has wrapped up the Birks sign project. He added that Tammy and Jeff Brocailles have stepped up to assist with maintaining landscaping.

Public School Bus Route: Dr. John Sokolowski reported that a resident on Old Princess Anne Road brought a Kemspsville Middle School bus stop safety issue to the board's attention. The board was able to work with the school transportation to move the stop to a safer location.

Communications: President Walter Camp reported that the newsletter is behind schedule but is due to go out the next week. Mr. Camp added that he is working with a new editor for the newsletter to take over for him starting in January.

Neighborhood Watch. Director Greg Turpin had no crimes to report. Mr Camp added that there have been no recent newspaper reports impacting our neighborhood.

Special Projects: Director Frank Gewet reported on special projects. The lenses on the Selwood entrance lights have been cleaned. Mr. Gewet added that public works is scheduled to cut the grass at Birks and Providence every August, which the board felt was insufficient. Mr. Gewet is working with the city toward this are mowed more often. A resident stated that the painted lines in the curve of Providence road needs repainting. There

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was discussion regarding the dangerous curve and Mr. Gewet stated that the city does not have it on their schedule for straightening for 5 years. Mr. Camp indicated that it may not be done for approximately 15 years.

Student Board Associates Perspective: Student Board Associate Minh-Quan Pham shared his experience at Party in the Park and added that he was happy to be involved with an active neighborhood. Fellow Student Board Associate Long-Quan Pham reported that the long vacant house on Brattleboro is now occupied. Mr. Camp noted that Student Board Associate positions will be available for next year in addition to the open board member positions.

Old Business

Kempsville-Princess Anne Intersection

Mr. Camp reported that the community churches, civic leagues, and businesses in the area of the Kempsville-Princess Anne Intersection have joined together to form an official Citizens Advisory Council. This effort came to fruition on 9/30, when Mayor Will Sessoms met with the council and earmarked \$2.6m in investment capital for the area to address issues raised by the council. Among these are establishing a theme for the intersection, which would attract businesses to Kempsville.

Neighborhood Park Improvement Projects: Our councilwoman, Dr. Amelia Ross Hammond participated in the ribbon cutting ceremony at Party in the Park, celebrating the completion of the park improvement project this summer. Mr. Camp remarked that he is pleased at the attention and support Dr. Hammond has given to our community.

Violet Bank Drive Bike Path: Mr. Camp described the Violet Bank Bike Path project, an effort to light and pave the current dirt path along the ditch leading from Selwood drive to Violet Bank in the Stratford Chase community. The city Bikeways & Trails commission will take up the matter in January. In the meantime, Mr. Camp stated that there is a need to reach out to the homes between Selwood and Stratford Chase as the city wants to hear from the homeowners in order to ensure residents are amenable to construction along this corridor.

Revision of BWCL Constitution & Bylaws

Mr. Camp noted that the Membership had previously authorized the Board to draft revised BWCL Constitution and By-Laws documents. Mr Camp reported that this effort is in progress and will get done.

Closing

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Mr. Camp called for any additional business. Hearing none, he adjourned the meeting at 7:42PM EDT.

Respectfully submitted,
John Glenn, Secretary