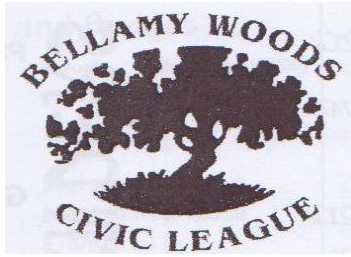


BELLAMY WOODS



CIVIC LEAGUE

7:00pm October 21, 2014 at Virginia Beach/TCC Joint Library

MINUTES

Directors Present: Frank Gewet, Dr. John Sokolowski, John Glenn

Directors Absent: Walter Camp, Cathe Waters

Board Associates (nonvoting) Present: (none)

Board Associates (nonvoting) Absent: Long-Quan Pham, Briana Bullard

1. Call to Order & Welcome Guests (Neva White) John Sokolowski, President

Bellamy Woods Civic League President Dr. John Sokolowski brought the meeting to order at 7:00PM EST in the meeting room at the Tidewater Community College Joint Use Library. Seven persons were present, each of which indicated membership in the league.

Dr. Sokolowski introduced Neva White, who represented the Tidewater Community College Joint Use Library. Mrs. White presented information on the library including a virtual tour of the one-year-old facility. The library, abbreviated as the JUL (pronounced as the monosyllabic 'jewel'), is a combination of an academic and public library resulting from a partnership between Tidewater Community College and Virginia Beach Public Libraries. The library hosts both an academic materials collection and a public collection. Patrons with a city library card can check out up to thirty books from the public collection and up to fifteen books from the academic collection. The joint collections can be accessed on line via tcc.edu/jul, but are not visible from the public library system. The facility also includes numerous meeting rooms, presentation spaces, study rooms, and computer labs. The administrative staff encourages public patrons who visit the library to evaluate college course offerings.

2. Review & Approve Minutes of Prior Meeting's Minutes John Glenn, Secretary

Board Secretary John Glenn distributed the minutes from the previous general membership meeting. President John Sokolowski called for a review of the minutes.

After reviewing the minutes the membership voted unanimously to accept the minutes without revision.

3. Reports from Board Members

- a. Communications Teresa Kraus
Newsletter editor Teresa Kraus reported that the October newsletter has been mailed and added that a resident has volunteered to take over as owner of future newsletters.

Secretary John Glenn reported that the web site experienced a crash in July. A one time, \$100 technical service fee was paid to Tom Lee to restore the site, and an annual \$60 license for SiteLock software was purchased to protect the site.
- b. Landscaping Programs Frank Gewet
Director Frank Gewet reported that the entrance opposite the Hess station has become overgrown.
- c. Neighborhood Watch Program John Sokolowski
This item was not discussed.
- d. Special Projects Frank Gewet
Special Projects Director Frank Gewet reported that progress on the flashing lights on Providence Road has moved past the permit issue and the final connections are pending Dominion moving forward with the work order.
- e. Student Board Associates' Perspectives Briana Bullard
This item was not discussed.
- f. Treasurer's Report John Sokolowski
President John Sokolowski reported that Party in the Park came in under budget. Membership is also under budget; however the planned e-Blast, newsletter, and invoices in November should bring membership up to budget. Dr. Sokolowski also solicited for ideas for a future neighborhood improvement project.

4. Old Business

- a. Open Board Seats John Sokolowski
President John Sokolowski introduced Erik Hart our newest director, who will also take over as Neighborhood Watch Coordinator.
- b. Party in the Park John Sokolowski
President John Sokolowski reported that Party in the Park was attended by 180 guests despite the rain delay. Wayne Wilcox from City Bikeways and Trails attended and spoke with residents about the proposed Violet Bank bike path

project. A resident suggested that we invite representatives from the Joint Use Library to our event next year.

- c. Halloween in the Park John Sokolowski
President John Sokolowski reported that the Halloween party is on for the following Sunday from 2-4PM. John Glenn agreed to send an e-Blast reminder to residents. Volunteers have agreed to host and assist with the event.
- d. Violet Bank Bike Path John Sokolowski
President John Sokolowski reported that at-large director Walter Camp is working with Bikeways and Trails in support of the project. The project is currently 13 of 20 funded city projects.

5. New Business

- a. Kempsville High School Community Forum John Sokolowski
President John Sokolowski reported that Kempsville High School is losing an average of 80 students each year to the competing academy programs at other schools. Lack of new construction in the area is also contributing the drop in enrollment. The school is also experiencing a drop in SOL scores. The administration feels as if the school will close if these trends continue and is looking to counter them by establishing its own academy program, focusing on business, engineering, or a ROTC program.
- b. VBCCO Awards John Sokolowski
President John Sokolowski solicited nominations for the Virginia Beach Council of Civic Organizations awards in recognition of community contributions.
- c. Voter-Candidate Forum John Sokolowski
President John Sokolowski reported that the School Board Candidates Forum will be held on Thursday.

Dr. Sokolowski reported that the Kempsville Recreation Center is scheduled to be closed and demolished starting in January. The center will be rebuilt on the same site over the course of two years.

- d. Student Board Associates John Sokolowski
This item was not discussed.

6. Adjournment

President John Sokolowski adjourned the meeting at 8:06PM EST.