**MINUTES - CCL BOD Meeting July 2020**

Zoom virtual meeting due to COVID-19 pandemic precautions

**6:30 PM Monday, July 6, 2020**

1. Call to order / Roll Call – Quorum established.

Present: Mike Kelly, Connie Agresti, Bob Lougen, Amanda Robinson, Pat Zuraw, Milt Martin, Larry Kurtz, Bill and Cheryl Garvey, Katie Ripberger, John Mannarino, Milt Martin Kathy Donahoe, Amber Torgerson, Suzanne Perry and Jim Skarbek (present for last 45 minutes)

Absent: Jen Alex,

1. Approval of prior Meeting Minutes: Unanimous
2. Security/CAC/VBOCC (Connie Agresti):
   1. Beach really crowded, especially S. Maryland to Camp Pendleton. COVID still a threat, please take precautions despite going to Phase 3 of opening.
   2. Car accident last month at Croatan Rd/Gen Booth intersection, no one seriously injured. Reminder to be careful when making left-hand turn. If signs are blocking view, ask the company/City to move it.
   3. Parking - Officer Noha notes that is a lot of parking before 9:30 am and after 7 pm. He has given verbal warnings when the drivers are present, and a goodly amount of tickets to the drivers that are not present. He notes increased illegal parking, especially at S Atlantic and Virginia Dare, and asks neighbors to call non-emergency police number to report these problems. Police response times are up due to the increased activity (protests, COVID-related issues and regular summer mayhem)
   4. Rumors on social media about Croatan being targeted were unfounded. Please fact check information (not on social media). During the 7/4 protests VAB police force was joined by State, Norfolk and Chesapeake PD and were able to manage everything together.
   5. Discussion about signage on the beach- present are beach access signs with “Stay off Dunes” signs. When lifeguards are out, they post swimming/surfing directional signs. Discussion about lifeguards managing crowds/ swimmers in surf area and vice versa, as well as people fishing in swimming area.
   6. Fishing regulations investigated due to concern about people fishing close to the swimmers. People may fish if they have purchased a permit in advance and are about 50 yards from swimmers.
   7. Ms. Cooney approached Mike Kelly before meeting about collecting money to pay police/first responders for doing a good job. Board discussed, and it is illegal for police to receive any monetary funds. Suggest that she may donate to the police benevolence funds or to the Croatan security fund.
3. Membership (Bill G): 5 new memberships for June
4. Welcome Wagon (Cheryl Garvey):
   1. Cheryl contacted 2 sets of new neighbors and is waiting to hear back
   2. Amber and Kathy also aware of new neighbors/people moving within or back to Croatan
5. Website (Bob Lougen):
   1. Power point slideshow with bar graph representations for:
      1. Stats of users by week of the CCL website- 4/4 28 people viewed it, 6/13 333 people viewed it, 6/27 285 people viewed it, the week of 7/4 299 people viewed it. There is a similar pattern in Facebook CCL site viewing.
      2. Newsletter emailed opened and views of newsletter attachment 73-100 people opening newsletter, but more than 200 people open the email of the 500 some odd sent.
   2. Mike suggests thinking about paper mailing the newsletter
6. Directory (Bob Lougen): Positive feedback so far, not many visitors. Continuously updating it.
7. Landscaping (Cheryl Garvey):
   1. Poison ivy reported near bike path, that property owner has not been managing. City zoning was notified at least once and will be contacted again to make bike lane more accessible and safer.
8. Beach Nourishment/Restoration (John Mannarino):
   1. Rudee Inlet dredging bid solicitation with hope for project to come in around $3.55 M, but only one bid came in at $9.75 M. Bottom line is that dredging industry has heavy workload and have the City and USACE over a barrel. It is not “worth their while” to do this project. It’s a very small amount given erosion and rising seas issues around the country.
   2. USACE ship Merritt dredging the inlet for one week, no sand will go to Croatan.
   3. USACE will rescope for rebidding dredging and sand replacement. City informed John that $1.5 M remains allotted for this project.
   4. Discussion about typical 20 K sand replenishment that occurs every year to Croatan. Discussion that City has greater concerns about their budget deficit, COVID, flood mitigation and protests/civil unrest AND changing city officials soon. With all of that, some on the Board are interested in staying quiet to avoid “rocking the boat” and have the Croatan Beach funding disappear. Mike Kelly was vocal about contacting our district rep, Guy Tower, to state that Croatan should regularly get the 20 K of sand without it being tied to the greater project and 1.5 million set aside for it. Agreement that Mike Kelly will put out feelers to the Director of Public Works about changing staff and then discuss about how to proceed.
9. Social (Amanda Robinson / Katie Ripberger):
   1. Discussion about comfort in having a CCL New Realm outdoor get together. New Realm would need $1000 guarantee in food/drink purchase to reserve outdoor space. Overall Board decided against community gathering in this setting.
   2. Brainstorming for community activities include CCL masks (quick look on one website saw that it may be cost prohibitive- $2200 for 300 triple ply, 3 colors printed on masks), bicycle parade, driveway hang out, free ice cream to each Croatan kid. Plan for everyone to come up with 2 ideas before next meeting
   3. Food trucks will continue to be allowed in our neighborhood.
10. Treasurer’s Report (Jim Skarbeck sent power point): Mike K reviewed, and report approved
11. Old Business:
    1. No letter sent yet to realtor group. Discussion about whether the issues are persistent with trash bins not being brought back to house or other issues with people not knowing rules. Proposal made to investigate magnets with all rules for the entire neighborhood- Patricia and Connie to investigate and make template.
    2. Twilight Lane access wall repair/painting - the Nelson’s responded positively to the letter asking for permission to share cost of fixing wall to prepare it for a mural. Mike Kelly to contact a contactor about fixing the concrete wall for estimate and Amanda to contact Jen Alex about mural and cost of supplies.
    3. Christine/Secotan Bridge and Coastal/Ft Raleigh bridge in neighborhood. Mike will contact City to see what we are legally allowed to do as they are on City property. Plan to create handrails and make Ft Raleigh bridge safer
12. New Business
    1. Beach parking lot accepting 50% of lot capacity. Some Croatan residents may have been turned away because “full”. Connie informed board that there are passes for 65 yrs. and older for Rudee Loop and will investigate getting passes for Croatan lot for residents for same reason.
    2. Finish discussion about police donation. Connie will ask if VBPD is accepting take out as part of Adopt a Muster at the next CAC meeting (7/8). He will determine if that is a viable option for our neighborhood to participate in.
    3. Croatan Living Magazine would like to resume publication and is asking if any residents would like to list their businesses in the first new publication for free. Discussion about whether CCL should send out email to residents asking if they’d like to participate. Bob will send out message.
    4. Suzanne Perry is a member and resident of Croatan x 10 years. She lives on Vanderbilt and reports that on-street parking has become quite an issue for her and her close neighbors. She reports that people park outside of designated time, sometimes outside of the designated spot, people drive in circles waiting for a spot to open up and sometimes block traffic, have dogs off leash, use resident’s hoses to wash off and one group of kids jumped her fence and went in her pool. Discussion about contacting non-emergency police number (385-5000) to report illegal activity (trespassing, blocking traffic, illegal parking). Board does not want to contact City about re-drawling parking spots or “open that can of worms” but supports contacting police and traffic enforcement to discourage the issues Suzanne mentions. Connie will speak with traffic enforcement at the CAC meeting.

**Meeting adjourned**

**Next Meeting scheduled for August 3, 2020 at 6:30 PM**

**Venue TBD, but probably Zoom**

**Contact Mike Kelly for meeting invitation.**