

MINUTES - CCL BOD Meeting

Zoom virtual meeting due to COVID-19 pandemic precautions

6:30 PM Monday, October 5, 2020

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

Present: Mike Kelly, Connie Agresti, Bob Lougen, Amanda Robinson, Patricia Zuraw, Milt Martin, Kathy Donahoe, Katie Ripberger Jen Alex, Bill and Cheryl Garvey, John Mannarino, Amber Torgerson, and Larry Kurtz

Absent: Jim Skarbek

2. Approval of prior Meeting Minutes: Patricia Zuraw abstained from voting as she didn't have minutes in time for the meeting, but otherwise all approved.
3. Security/CAC/VBOCC (Connie Agresti):
 - a. Children have returned to school, reminders to neighbors to watch for the flashing lights and to obey all traffic laws concerning school buses
 - b. Notice to neighbors that Rudee Beach area will be occasionally closed for maintenance. There will be a sign and yellow tape around the work areas. Advise all neighbors to obey the sign for their safety
 - c. Notice to neighbors about Fire safety week
 - d. Discussion about Halloween CDC and City guidelines and decided to include information about Halloween on separate notice to neighbors
 - i. Discussion about how neighborhood will spend Halloween, motion made by Bill for \$250 to be spent on scavenger hunt and prizes, seconded by Amber, motion carried
 - e. Parking lot is FREE. The sign at the lot states it closes at 5, but it actually closes later
 - f. Speed limit on Pacific Avenue has been restored to 35 mph from 25 mph during peak summer months
 - g. Review and discussion about golf carts and slow-moving vehicle rules/regulations. Croatan is not an approved golf cart neighborhood. They are illegal in Croatan. Slow moving vehicles must have a licensed driver driving, registered plates and must be insured to operate legally. A second precinct compliance officer approached Connie about this matter. Amber, with her legal expertise, will write up a summary of the rules for the neighborhood newsletter/website
 - h. VBCCO meeting cancelled
 - i. GO VOTE
4. Membership (Bill G):
 - a. Nothing new to report
 - b. Bob suggested allowing new neighbors that pay membership fees in the fall to carry over for 2021, as there are very few neighbors that will join at this point, and no big events are taking place. Vigorous discussion ensued. Bob does not want to change website to reflect this, as it is a complicated task. Bill made motion to allow for people (new neighbors) joining CCL as of 10/6/2020 to carry over throughout 2021. Amber seconded motion. Milt objected, Patricia and Jen abstained. Motion carried
5. Welcome Wagon (Cheryl Garvey):
 - a. 5 deliveries this month and all are planning on joining/have joined the CCL, 8 more baskets to deliver.
 - b. She presented the new visors and hats
6. Website (Bob Lougen):

- a. Last month over 401 people used website, same popular hits.
- b. 227 FB followers (17 more than last month)
- c. 565 newsletters sent, 305 opened
- d. Bob was approached by Croatan Living Magazine owner, Joe Monahan, to promote an in-person event he is throwing in Croatan. Bob presented to the Board his reasons for not distributing this information, as it would be an endorsement of an in-person event, when all in-person gatherings have been shut down by the CCL. Motion made by Bob to not distribute/endorse the event for those reasons, and motion seconded by Amanda, motion carried.

7. Directory (Bob Lougen):

- a. Amber suggested creating a DOG DIRECTORY. Anecdotally, a dog was found playing in her yard with her dogs. Her husband posted photos on Nextdoor, and her children brought the dog door-to-door until the owner was found. Amber thought it may be helpful if photos of dogs were part of the members' profiles to be able to reunite dogs with their owners faster once this happens. Bob and the rest of the Board agree with this idea

8. Landscaping (Cheryl Garvey):

- a. Cheryl is managing this well

9. Beach Nourishment/Restoration (John Mannarino):

- a. Dredging project award 1/21-2/21, with contract to finish in summer of 2021, however the dredgers are in short supply, and charging 9 million, when the City has only 1.5 million set aside for the project. Thus, it is unlikely to actually happen.
- b. There are no plans for dune nourishment.
- c. Mike referenced the study done several years ago, that 130k yards of sand was cited as the necessary amount of sand needed to replenish the beach then. Each year the City is citing lower numbers and less sand. Mike would like to approach the City about the survey and ask about the discrepancy. If survey states this is what is needed to keep homes safe, then the City cannot arbitrarily give less sand. John will look into this further
- d. John reports that 25 Million dollars were spend for hurricane protection the "greater oceanfront" area, which does not include Croatan. John feels that Croatan will not get any extra sand to protect our community unless the neighborhood pursues litigation.
- e. Mike will reinstate the Beach Restoration Committee, which Amanda Robinson would like to volunteer for. Mike will contact the members from the past.

10. Social (Amanda Robinson / Katie Ripberger):

- a. Halloween scavenger hunt for kids of all ages will be provided. Amanda will arrange for neighbors to have items for kids to look for in their yards. Prizes will be awarded. Amanda to create email
 - i. Women's club may be encouraging members to carve jack o lanterns
- b. Croatan Cares fundraiser walk/run scheduled for 8 November at 10. Can be completed virtually. 80 medals to be purchased. Motion made by Amanda for budget of \$250 to purchase medals and seconded by Bob. Motion passed.
- c. Notice out for Santa photos on the beach Nov 29 from 12-2. 10 families have signed up so far

11. Treasurer's Report (Jim Skarbek):

- a. Reviewed budget, in Jim's absence
- b. Cheryl made motion to accept report, John M seconded it, motion passed.

12. Old Business:

- a. Christina/Secotan bridge board repaired by neighbors. Mike is speaking with City to see if they will replace the boards of the bridge.
- b. Cheryl to report crosswalk problem to City
- c. Camp Pendleton is working with Police to create a memo of understanding to allow emergency response vehicles through the base during emergencies. Use by Croatan civilians for ingress/egress will be considered on a case-by-case basis depending upon the type and duration of an emergency.
- d. STRs- City Council meeting Tuesday 10/6 (at time of typing the minutes the meeting was canceled due to COVID precautions as contact tracing dictated)
 - i. STRs overlay districts are proposed for Old Beach, North Beach, Chix Beach and resort district, NOT CROATAN
 - ii. CUP applications are still being submitted (809 Vanderbilt, 600 and 567 South Atlantic Avenue)
- e. Discussion/confusion regarding whether properties with CUP will continue to operate under grandfather clause or if they will cease to operate as soon as the overlay districts are enacted. Connie informs Board that grandfathering provision expires within 100 days of enactment of new regulations. However, this is subject to change as there will be public hearings and possibly modifications to the proposal before the final vote
- f. Mike is concerned that any City Council member can propose to create an overlay district without neighborhood engagement. Mike states that to change the speed limit on Croatan Rd several years ago it took 85% of neighbors to agree. Mike would like that same amount of neighborhood consensus for any changes in the neighborhood to occur.
- g. Discussion about shared homes vs STRs

13. New Business

- a. Katie researched an outdoor option for a fall meeting. The Board agreed to skip an in-person event. Options for voting on members included email, board with proxies or on the website. John made motion for voting to be completed via the membership website. Patricia seconded motion. Motion carried. Bob will work on setting the plug in for voting this week
 - i. Bill will include this information once finalized on the neighborhood sign
- b. Bob put forth names for potential new board members. Mike asked each Board member to contact people they feel would add value to the BOD.
- c. Bob made motion to end meeting, John seconded it.

Meeting adjourned at 8:45 PM.

**Next Meeting scheduled for Monday, 2 November 2020 at 6:30 PM
Via Zoom
Contact Mike Kelly for meeting invitation.**