

Minutes - CCL Meeting – 6:30 PM Monday, May 3, 2021
Via Zoom

Present: Mike Kelly, Bob Lougen, Patricia Zuraw, Larry Kurtz, Amber Torgerson, Kathy Donahoe, Amanda Robinson, Nancy Purkey, Cheryl and Bill Garvey

Absent: Jen Alex, Gina Amick, Katie Ripberger, Connie Agresti, Jim Skarbek,

1. 6: 35 PM - Call to order / Roll Call / Quorum present
2. Approval of prior meeting notes – April meeting minutes taken by Katie R. approved
3. Old or Unfinished Business (Amanda Robinson)

- Short-Term Rentals

- Mike spoke with Guy Tower regarding the approval vote for an STR at 528 Vanderbilt Ave. Guy Tower conceded to Mike that he “probably made a mistake”.
- Mike stated that the City has no idea how many STRs they have. At a recent Planning Commission meeting on April 14th no city official could provide a number as there is no consolidated listing kept by any department. One also must question the accuracy of the lists that are kept by the various departments. A “grandfathered” STR on Surfside Ave. received a letter from city zoning stating that the rental is not legal. However, that property was on a list provided to us by the Zoning Department and a previous one provided which showed registrations based on Commissioner of the Revenue data. It certainly raises the question regarding records and how they are checked.
- The following tentative schedule is available on the city STR website:
 - May 18th- Staff Presentation on Proposed Planning Commission Ordinance
 - May 25th- City Council Workshop Discussion Regarding Regulations
 - June 1st- Public Hearing for Proposed Short Term Rental Ordinance Revisions
 - June 15th- City Council Vote on Short Term Rental Ordinance Revisions

- Croatan Bridge Rebuild

- Review of process for getting approval
- 8-12-week encroachment wait time.
- After bridge is built the City will come back out and verify the location for City purposes.
- Motion to contract to get survey build bridge by Mike Kelly- approved unanimously
- First draft of bridge design needs approval from CCL BOD

- Replacement for John Mannarino – No update

- Members’ Social Event at New Realm on June 11 - Flyer sent out and posted.

- Annual Social Event – September 18

- Event time frame 3-7 due to less daylight in the fall

4. New Business

- Congresswoman Elaine Luria asked to address the Civic League May meeting
 - Staff participants included Dr. Charles Stuppard and Karen Thomas
 - She sits on the Defense and Veteran’s Affairs Committees
 - Concerned about Chesapeake Bay health, travel tourism, and aquaculture
 - Dominion Energy wind turbine infrastructure will provide energy, jobs, and manufacturing opportunities
 - Bob L. thanked her for meeting with us. Raised CCL concern about Short-Term Rentals impacting safety of homes in the future and the need for annual beach replenishment.
 - She asked questions about beach cycles and financial funding. Mike Kelly provided history. Stated that she would get with Mike to hear more about his thoughts on the issue of flooding and coastal erosion south of Rudee Inlet to NC.
 - Bob pointed out that the small business owner application is 16 pages and costly to fill out for assistance. Is there a way to make the application process easier?
 - She answered that feedback from the local tourism businesses changed their process to be sensitive to seasonal businesses.
 - The minority-owned small businesses closed at a higher rate than any other small businesses despite the outreach.
 - Offered that any businesses struggling should contact her office and she will help.
 - Stated that people working with small banks had more success with PPP than big banks.
 - Greater number of suicides for veterans than regular population. Bob would like to know more about how the State will deal with mental health issues, especially veterans. Congresswoman Luria responded that culture has moved away from institutional mental health care to social assistance. There are more people in jail with mental health issues because there isn’t anywhere for them to go. There is a shortage of mental health providers. Veterans all have access to mental health healthcare but must seek help through the VA. Amber informed her that in jail her clients have jail Medicaid, but it doesn’t translate to Medicaid outside, and they need to re-register
 - She is pushing for the Navy to build new ships and carriers to anticipate and counter threats from China, Russia, and Iran
 - Mike Kelly invited her to September 18th party for community
 - For further assistance and questions contact karen.thomas@mail.house.gov or charles.stuppard@mail.house.gov.
- Storage Unit
 - Cost of Storage is high. It’s less expensive to buy new items as needed.
 - Spring fling coolers are distributed to directors for storage. They can hold any reusable items such as tablecloths.
 - Patricia asked if we could use as a write off. No. CCL tax status prohibits.
 - Final decision at next meeting when Jim Skarbek is present.

5. Treasurer’s Report (Jim Skarbeck) – Unavailable.

6. Security/CAC/VBOCC (Connie Agresti) – Unavailable. Provided written report for Newsletter

7. Membership (Lougen and Kelly) - 173 memberships plus 145 spouses/partners
8. Welcome Wagon (Cheryl Garvey) - Delivered one basket; 8 more baskets in the making
9. Website Update (Bob Lougen) - NSTR
10. Landscaping (Cheryl Garvey)
 - The company quit. They have been paid for two months without doing work
 - Cheryl is looking for a replacement company. She is getting in touch with companies for estimates
 - Bob will make it part of the newsletter and Cheryl will put out on Nextdoor that she is looking for suggestions
 - Will change sign for Mother's Day
11. Beach Nourishment/Restoration (Mike Kelly)
 - May 6th is the due date for the USACE Sources Sought request for Rudee Inlet Dredging. This include placement of sand on the Croatan Public Beach. Mike will follow-up to find out if there is any response.
 - Guy Tower told Mike that regardless of what happens, we need money in budget for maintenance care of beach after the initial nourishment.
12. Social and Children's Programs (Amanda Robinson / Katie Ripberger)
 - Food trucks every other week are popular. Neighbors are reaching out to volunteer their driveway.
 - June 11th Social is on June 11th and the RSVP date is June 7th.
13. Logo Wear (Katie Ripberger) – Unavailable
14. Future meetings - Zoom or in person? Will review next meeting.
15. Meeting adjourned at 8:07 PM.

Next meeting is at 6:30 PM on Monday, June 7, 2021
Location: Mike Kelly's house
604 Fort Raleigh Dr.