

MINUTES - CCL Meeting – 6:30 PM Monday, June 7, 2021
at 604 Fort Raleigh Dr.

Present: Mike Kelly, Connie Agresti, Bob Lougen, Amanda Robinson, Amber Torgerson, Larry Kurtz, Katie Ripberger, Cheryl Garvey

Absent: Patricia Zuraw, Kathy Donahoe, Jen Alex, Bill Garvey, Jim Skarbek, Gina Amick

1. Call to order / Roll Call / Quorum Determination met at 6:32
2. Approval of prior meeting notes – May meeting minutes
 - Newsletter articles must be to Marian Kitchen by COB, Friday, June 11.
3. Old or Unfinished Business (Amanda Robinson)
 - Short-Term Rentals
 - 6/15 is, in theory, when City Council is going to vote. Meeting held 6/1 that lasted past 11pm.
 - o Jan Periello and John Mannarino spoke for recommendations made by Planning Commission and Claire Yoder spoke for an overlay district in Croatan at 6/1 meeting
 - Mike spoke with Guy Tower; is not certain the issue will be resolved at June 15th meeting. (New date for vote is 6 July) His concerns include: Real estate industry pressure on City Council; Enforcement; and Economics
 - Mike read in a study to restrict STRs on Nantucket will be a loss of 110 K tourists per island. It is not a fair comparison against VB because Nantucket has no industry except to tourism and wealthy people.
 - Guy Tower suggests that residents send letters and emails into City Council to influence the outcome. People may attend the meeting on 6/15 and are not allowed to speak. (This turned out not to be true.)
 - Bob contacted John David the North Beach CL President about a meeting. He was not inclined to meet. Bob would like to pursue a collaborative effort, but it is not getting much traction.
 - Letter will be sent to neighborhood to encourage people to voice their opinions to City Council.
 - Katie inquired if being a homeowner's association would give us more rights. She references her experience with them in her work as a realtor. Several BOD agree that the neighborhood would not be in favor of the HOA.
 - Croatan Bridge Rebuild
 - Survey completed
 - Paperwork for permit completed to use City property (encroachment). More information is requested, with requests for ADA compliance, higher than 100-year flood plain, as well as USACE approval and Beaches and Waterways approval.

- Mike asked for a waiver for those permit requests for USACE approval and Beaches and Waterways approval and was told he cannot have one. This will add money and time.
 - Mike has a meeting with an arborist next week about which trees need to be removed or cut back and then the plan may have to change based on that.
 - City is also requiring we add them to the insurance policy for the bridge.
- Replacement for John Mannarino – No action
- Social Event at New Realm on June 11
 - 85 people have RSVP'd as of 6 pm today. 8 of the RSVPs are not members. An email will be sent to them tomorrow to remind them to renew their membership
 - Menu selected by Katie and Amanda includes BBQ pork sliders, chicken salad on brioche rolls, baby potato skins and mac n cheese croquettes.
 - Name tags and sharpies purchased
 - Reminder to wear logowear to event
 - Rain forecasted for Friday- will contact New Realm about contingency plan for inclement weather.
 - Katie and BOD discussed plan for logowear. Decision to hand out fliers for all apparel choices to gauge interest. Cheryl's friend can create the items and does not require large orders, so people may order individually.
- End of Summer Social Event – September 18 (Fall begins on Sep 22)
 - Patricia is not going to continue chairing this event.
 - Kathy Donahoe is the second chair, and Mike has to speak to her
 - Mike and Connie may be organizing it, and Amanda will help in group meetings
 - Cheryl shares that Bill doesn't think we should ask for donations of gift cards from places that usually donate. Instead we should purchase them to show support

4. New Business

- Joe Monaghan (Croatan Living request)
 - Katie spoke with him. He wants to invite Croatan to an event in August.
 - He would like to have a meeting with the BOD. Should we give him an audience?
 - Bob responds that we should not endorse the business because we should not "pick winners" of the advertisers in his magazine, at the expense of the other businesses of residents. Cheryl adds that she does not want his magazine photographer coming to CCL events, she does not want them to be on display. Mary Adams is now a "content Coordinator" for the magazine. BOD overall agrees that we should meet with him, but not endorse the business. Mike does not want to appear to have a CCL affiliation with the magazine.
 - Mike would like to have a sit down with him to find out his motive. Connie points out that it might be beneficial to have a relationship with him if nothing else to not have our events conflict.

- Decision made to have meeting with Katie, Bob and Mike K

5. Security/CAC/VBOCC (Connie Agresti)

- See Click Fix has gone or is going away, now all report must go through 311 or VB WORKS
- Beach safety- no diving
- Hurricane Reminder season- recent storm dramatically changed shoreline, and drop off hard to get off beach up the steep incline
- Nauticus and Botanical Gardens exhibits featuring beach trash turned into art.
- Reminder about seasonal dog rules
- Minors and alcohol reminders- Officer Noha had issue with some people in Croatan (reminder parent can be charged with felony for every child that is not family given access to alcohol)
- CAC report on Tuesday to follow in Newsletter
- Discussion about whether or not you can park on your own lawn. Amber states that you can park anywhere on your own property. Your neighbors can call City and complain.

6. Treasurer's Report (Jim Skarbeck)

- Mike found one surprise- over 60K in account! Bridge will be a big expense, but we have the funds!

7. Membership (Lougen and Kelly)

- 193 members
- 163 additional people
- 356 total
- 349 last year, 355 2 years ago through June! Our membership "drive" is doing really well!

8. Welcome Wagon (Cheryl Garvey)

- Up to date with all baskets!
- Cheryl prepared some more in advance

9. Website Update (Bob Lougen)

- Bob spoke with Marianne Kitchen about the newsletter. She will continue and Bob will help with proofreading.
- Cheryl suggests asking Kathy to help out too, as she is a retired computer teacher.
- Page added for Food Trucks
- Lots of traffic
- Cheryl gave feedback from new people in the neighborhood and they have told her that the website gave them a positive feeling about Croatan

10. Landscaping (Cheryl Garvey)

- Companies don't want to take the job because it is too small
- Cheryl has arranged some piece-meal coverage between favors from friends and neighbors. Cheryl mulched and planted.
- She will continue to try to find a company to take over. She wants her name taken off. She doesn't want to feel obligated to weed, spray, cut, plant etc... when no one else does.
- Connie will ask Alice if she will do it.
- Katie cleaned up the area behind her house by Kerry Lane on Croatan Rd. and other neighbors donated 5k to clean the area up
- There is a home on Croatan Rd that has trees hanging low that impede tall people walking or bike riding on the path. Cheryl would like someone to contact those neighbors.
- Cheryl also identified a patch of poison ivy that the City will take care of

11. Beach Nourishment/Restoration (Mike Kelly)

- June 20 0 USACE solicitation will be advertised hopefully.
- Mike took photos of stairwells before Memorial Day and sent them to City requesting a sand push for safety.

12. Social and Children's Programs (Amanda Robinson / Katie Ripberger)

- Food truck this Wednesday, every other week
- Event at end of summer or back to school for kids - TBD

13. New business (Cheryl Garvey)

- 2 dozen small flags requested for main entrance way on Croatan Rd. and Connie will get them from VFW
- Flag day is June 14
- Connie brings food for thought about having a memorial for a resident that lost his life several years ago, killed in action in the military. Connie was advised to check with one of her friends (Patty Peters), as the impression his widow makes is that she is a private person.
- Discussion about whether or not to have in person meetings and or where- do we make them part virtual?
- Meeting in July canceled. Meeting scheduled for August 2.

Adjourned at 8:34 PM