

**Minutes CCL Meeting – 6:30 PM Monday, February 7, 2022**  
**Via Zoom**

**Present:** Mike Kelly, Bob Lougen, Jim Skarbek, Bill Garvey, Connie Agresti, Frank Borum, Kathy Donahoe, Mike Fantozzi, Cheryl Garvey, Sharon Heath, Katie Ripberger, Amber Torgerson, and Bill Wren.

**Absent:** Jim Skarbek and Jen Alex

1. Call to order / Roll Call / Quorum Determination
2. Approval of prior meeting notes – January Minutes approved unanimously 6:33 PM
  - Newsletter articles must be to Kathy Donahoe by COB, Friday, February 11.
3. Old or Unfinished Business (Amanda Robinson)
  - a. 2022 Goals and Budget (Jim Skarbeck) – Not available; will cover at March meeting
    - Tentative Annual Schedule (Mike Kelly) - Amanda and Katie will submit outline of schedule to Mike
  - b. Pictures and Bios for the Newsletter (Kathy Donahoe)
    - Amanda submitted all information; waiting on Jim, but have Connie's information as a back-up
    - CVB guidelines for Property Responsibilities (Mike Kelly) - Continuing to work
  - c. Email vote prior to meeting increasing bridge budget by \$3500. Purpose is to cover the cost of a professional construction crew to build.
4. New Business
  - a. Parking Committee - Connie, Mike F., and Sharon
    - Overview recommendations being created.
    - Meetings planned with Ken Jobe and Allison Swan
    - City is supposed to provide proposed maps and sets of rules
    - Committee would like to keep rules and work on permitting process
    - Working on how best to approach City
    - Address parking in red zones- should it be allowed ever? Should there be special criteria to allow for it?

- Long discussion about rationale for participating in the conversation with the city. The city has not been adhering to the parking permitting process in the last few years.
- Suggestion to put parking permitting information into the newsletter at least once a year.
- There is a link on the CCL website at <https://www.croatanbeach.org/parking-in-croatan/>

b. Traffic Calming Committee - Frank, Katie, Cheryl

- Condensing CVB Traffic Calming Program presentation provided by Brian Proctor.
- Statistical data from CVB from 2018 through 2021 shows that, when measured, 15% or more of traffic on Croatan Rd. is going faster than 33 MPH.
- Need to educate the neighborhood about speeding as an issue, specifically the people on Croatan Rd.
- Only the residents that live adjacent to Croatan Road make this decision via petition. It requires 75% to agree. The committee is acting as a source of information and a liaison with City.
- CVB has stated that the most effective measure is the use of speed tables. They are not speed bumps. They are a rubberized platform 24 feet long. Traffic Engineering has identified 4 places along Croatan Rd. where they would be most effective.
- Croatan Rd. residents must decide at the end of a year whether they want to keep the speed table structure, it can be removed. If it stays longer than one year, it becomes permanent.
- Amber asked about the use of ceramic discs on the S-curve at the entrance. The issue is that incoming and outgoing traffic cross over the double line which could cause a head-on collision. The City said that was less effective as an intervention but had no solution to offer. We will continue to pursue.
- Over the last few years, there has been several accidents at front of neighborhood.
  - Accident Thursday night around 10:30 PM. Motorcycle travelling north did not make curve on General Booth Blvd. Wiped out 60 ft of landscaping. Came to rest on Croatan Rd. Emergency vehicles arrived. Croatan Rd. entrance was blocked, and General Booth Blvd. was partially blocked for at least an hour.
  - Traffic engineering coming to CAC meeting and Connie will what additional warnings or safety measures can be taken.

5. Treasurer's Report (Jim Skarbeck) - Deferred since Jim was unavailable. Board members were asked to review and send any questions/comments to Jim.

6. Security/CAC/VBOCC (Connie Agresti)

- a. We have hired new police officers to replace Officer Don Noha. They are Officer Katie Tassa (Primary,) Amanda Condon (Backup,) and Michael Para (Backup.) They are still awaiting approval from Chief of Police. We will get them on the job as soon as possible. Asked about number of hours, Connie mis-stated that during winter months they were allotted only 3 – 5 hours. The number is 15 hours per month.

- b. Asked why we cannot have police patrolling Croatan more frequently, Connie stated that police department is down approximately 100 officers (nearly 20 percent of authorized strength) and have many competing demands to deal with.
- c. We get traffic calming officers twice a month because we are a Traffic Calming Phase 3 area.
- d. Connie met with Citizens Advisory Board, including the Chief of Police this evening.
  - Police are looking to replace 17 bikes which cost \$2 K each. They are seeking community donations through the Citizen's Action Committee, which is a 501(c)3 organization (c/o VBPB Second Precinct, 820 Virginia Beach Blvd, Virginia Beach, VA, 23451.)
  - Good Samaritan House – police working closely to assist domestic violence victims in finding shelter and assistance at this refuge (<https://samaritanhouse.org>.)
  - Lots of meth in community – police working with federal Department of Justice to coordinate federal charges against organized traffickers where appropriate.
  - Human trafficking – detectives are reviewing every domestic or sex-related case as one of human trafficking until proven otherwise. Goal is to reduce human trafficking in Hampton Roads.
  - Restorative justice program being used for juveniles accused of in-school crimes. Has been effective in other jurisdictions at reducing recidivism
- e. Motorized toys - Kids should wear helmets and not “hot dog.”
- f. Keep dogs on leashes, and wash salt off their paws.

7. Membership (Lougen and Kelly) - Announcement sent out. So far, 114 people signed up.

8. Website Update (Bob Lougen) - 400 visits a month

9. Welcome Wagon (Cheryl Garvey) - Baskets made, no new residents

10. Landscaping (Cheryl Garvey)

- a. The young man we have is doing a good job.
- b. Bob noted he was working in the street too close to the entrance intersection. Need to caution him.

11. Beach Nourishment/Restoration (Mike Kelly) – No update from the city.

12. Croatan Bridge Rebuild (Mike Kelly)

- a. 4 pilings are in the ground. Expecting our contractor to start the bridge next week.
- b. Jim Briggs has taken control of construction. He has donated some building materials and had his son bring in heavy equipment to sink the pilings at no cost.
- c. Mike hopes that the bridge will be walkable in about 2 weeks, pathway after that.

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

- a. Croatan Cares Race- suggested date April 30<sup>th</sup>
- b. Spring recruiting happy hour will be April at Rudee's or Rockefeller's.

- c. Ice Cream Social, Last Licks of summer or back to school event are TBD and will be on the calendar when it comes out.
  - d. Annual Meeting/Fall Event - motion to combine annual meeting with a fall event, seconded by Cheryl. Discussion ensued and general agreement that holding the event together would be ideal. Motion passed.
14. Logo Wear (Katie Ripberger) – Coordinating with a new local contact that will be able to fill smaller orders.
15. Spring Fling (Mike Kelly) – June 11th
- a. Mike asked for permission from Cheryl M to use the point.
  - b. Bill G has contracted the DJ.
  - c. Once Mike receives the okay from Cheryl, he will proceed with the checklist.
16. Verizon FIOS Underground Cable Installation
- a. JDS Co. is digging on streets where utilities are underground.
  - b. VA Dare, Coastal and Secotan this week (Feb 7<sup>th</sup>)
  - c. Email sent out by Mike on Constant Contact JDS letter. It provides information on how to get remediation if there is property damage. When they did Fort Raleigh Dr., the crews hit gas and Cox cable lines. Gas and cable crews are on-call to make quick repairs.
  - d. JDS will update Mike on the schedule, and he will get it out via Constant Contact.
  - e. We have no specific information as to when FIOS will be available to residents.
17. Sue Cashman passed away suddenly. She and her husband, Bill, lived on Vanderbilt Ave. Service is on Saturday, 11 AM at Hope Lutheran on Providence Road in Kempsville.
18. Adjourned at 8:13 PM

**Next meeting: Monday, March 7, 2022, at 6:30 PM.  
Via Zoom or Physical (TBD)**