**LAKE SHORES CIVIC LEAGUE GENERAL MEETING MINUTES**

Date of Meeting: March 28, 2017, 7:00 p.m. (social), 7:30 p.m. (meeting) Meeting Room 6

of the Bayside Recreation Center. Sixteen neighbors signed in, one did not.

Date of next General Meeting: May 23, 2017

**Our Purpose**

The purpose of this organization shall be to bring together for mutual benefit, those persons who are interested in civic betterment of any kind. It shall be operated along democratic lines, having no political affiliation, and being non-sectarian in the matter of religion

**Opening**

Our President, Paul Berryman opened the meeting.

Mr. Frank Pogue led us in the Pledge of Allegiance then delighted us with a joke.

**Guest Speaker**

Our guest speaker was

Matthew Coneys, Code Inspector Supervisor, 385-5032, Bldg 18A

Denise Wethington, Code Inspector II, 385-5009, Bldg 18A

Website for Code Inspection Division, City of Virginia Beach:

<https://www.vbgov.com/government/departments/housing-neighborhood-preservation/code-enforcement/Pages/default.aspx>

Code Enforcement is the largest of division of four with four teams with four supervisors.

Federal Grants help.

We now have 20 inspectors, five for each Precinct.

Code Enforcement Precincts are the same areas as Police Precincts.

Code Enforcement works with local Police.

Code Enforcement can be at the site within 48 hours.

Reports to Code Enforcement are anonymous.

Violators receive a notice on their door and a letter.

For rental property, occupant and owner receive a letter.

90 per cent of cases are dismissed in Court as the violation is corrected before the Court date.

The goal is compliance not a criminal record.

99 percent of those in violation are easy to work with.

Rental inspections are designated by City Council.

Vehicles covered and out of sight are not in violation.

The City has the right to remove graffiti after seven days.

The City will hire a contractor to cut tall grass on private property.

A lien on property

Large vehicles – over seven feet tall, 20 feet in length, and over one ton carrying capacity are not allowed in neighborhoods.

Trash cans must be pulled onto property.

Yard waste must be in four foot by four foot piles.

Two piles will be collected.

Properties open and vacant – a contractor will board up.

City Council decides which areas are designated for rental inspections.

Inspectors are responsible for the curb line up.

Hoarding:

The City can placard houses.

The City has a Hoarding Task Force. ‘

Adult Protective Services makes initial contact for those our age 60.

Hoarders are protective.

In a catastrophic situation, Animal Control and EMS are involved.

Multi-family Renters

Only four unrelated people may share a home.

Occupancy limitations determine occupancy per square footage.

Boats and trash cans must be stored behind the furthermost plane of the house.

**Minutes**

President Paul moves we bypass reading the minutes from the General Meeting on January 24 the moves we accept the minutes as read.

The motion is firsted and seconded.

All are in favor.

**Treasurer’s Financial Report**

Balance on December 30, 2016 = $981.38

Christmas Lights = 75.00

Yearly Reimbursement = 89.14

Dues = 20.00

Balance on January 31, 2017 = 837.24

Outstanding Checks = #1007 25.00 – VBCCO Annual Dues

**Neighborhood Watch**

Rick could not attend the Citizens’ Advisory Meeting (CAC).

Vandalism:

Rick reports his glove box was torn into.

Keep vehicle doors locked.

Three vehicles reported broken into at Regina and Curling.

Three juveniles were reported at 8:30 p.m. in a neighbors’ driveway.

When the neighbor pulled up, the juveniles ran across Northampton toward the Bayville Apartments.

A shed was broken into on Shenstone.

Captain Orr is addressing the issue of vehicle racing on Northampton.

We are advised to be aware of activity in our neighborhood.

Always report incidents to the Police to take care of.

New Signs at Shelton Park School:

The parking issue is good.

Motorists are complying to the new “No Parking” signs.

The School agreed to call Police if vehicles park in no parking areas.

In general, the area around the school is safer.

The road will be striped.

**Adopt a Street**

Jack will be out of town; Jeanne Marie will bring sign-in sheet, grabbers, and orange bags to the pump house. We will meet on Saturday, April 1, at 9:00 a.m.

In case of rain, we will meet on Saturday, April 8.

The State recognized our Adopt a Street last October.

Someone trimmed bushes at the corner of Jack Frost and Shore.

Jack will remove the cuttings.

We perhaps can request six to eight reflective vests from the City.

**Entrance Signs**

Rick has our sign from the corner of Jack Frost and Northampton.

Rick will salvage and re-install.

**Members**

We welcome our new members, Jim and Jennifer Shields.

**Old Business**

Jim will update on the sound barrier issue.

Several met at Jim and Mary’s house with Irene Bowers, reporter for the *Beacon.*

From the back door, they listened to the noise from Northampton.

Ms. Bowers intends to write an article in the *Beacon* about our situation – exposure to loud noise.

Other neighborhoods had features re: the noise.

The *Beacon* has two articles on sound walls.

Lynnhaven did not want the walls.

We are on a major thoroughfare, not just city streets. ‘

We must keep pursuing.

Lake Shores predates the Bridge-Tunnel.

Boring for the new tunnel will begin.

The sound barrier will cost $3,000,000 with help from the State.

The City Engineers’ Office agrees we have noise pollution.

We must contact Senator FrankWagner, Delegate Ron Villanueva, Delegate Christopher Stolle, Vice Mayor Louis Jones.

Invite neighbors to contact as well.

Cite The Bureau of Transportation statistics: https://maps.bts.dot.gov/mapgallery/

Cite the long-term exposure to noise.

Shelton Park Elementary and noise.

The center of Northampton has the same purple noise level as the airstrip at Norfolk.

We need a noise study.

Involve the Federal Government; the City will not have to pay.

Incremental encroachment – trees and vegetation removed.

Yard Sale

So far, we have no committee.

At our May General Meeting, we will decide to have or not have a yard sale.

Speed Abatement Machine:

Was in four locations in Lake Shores.

If the machine is too near driveways, call the non-emergency number 385-5000 to have it moved.

Craig receives the report from the machine which Traffic Engineering sets up in our neighborhood.

Traffic Engineering is responsible for the machine.

We receive no support to install traffic circles along Jack Frost.

New Business:

Suggest a speaker for our May General Meeting

Perhaps Dominion Power re: the vegetation.

We are in the growing season.

Irene Bowers spoke with Virginia Power.

The representative sympathized.

Could see the exposure from Northampton into the neighborhood.

Vegetation should be such no one could poison or cut down.

Cutting is contracted.

Perhaps we could invite Delegate Christopher Stolle or Vice Mayor Louis Jones as a speaker.

**Nominating Committee**

Members of the Nominating Committee: Jim, Corrie, Dodie

Officers

President: Jim Brinkman

First Vice President: Craig Corey

Second Vice President: Dave Gresens

Treasurer: Mary Brinkman

Secretary: Jeanne Marie Macdonald

Trustees: Three-year terms – rotated

 Dodie Antal and Paul Berryman

For the first time in three years, we have a full slate of officers.

Officers will be installed in May.

The motion was made to adjourn – approved and seconded.

All are in favor.

None oppose.

Respectfully submitted,

Jeanne Marie Macdonald