**LAKE SHORES CIVIC LEAGUE GENERAL MEETING MINUTES**

Date of Meeting: September 19 2023, 7:00 p.m. in the cafeteria of Shelton Park Elementary School. Twenty-two neighbors signed in. Date & time of our next General Meeting is November 21, 2023.

**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**

Acting President/First Vice President Craig opened the meeting, welcomed all, then invited us to join

in the Pledge of Allegiance.

**Minutes**

Secretary Jeanne Marie read portions of the minutes from our last meeting held on March 21, 2023.

Craig moved to accept the minutes.

As no additions or corrections, the minutes were approved. .

.

**Financial**

Treasurer Dodie read the Treasurer’s Report.

Ending balance of $1523.53

Craig moved to accept the report.

As no additions or corrections, the report was approved. .

Audit was held on September 3, 2023.

Two signatures are on the checking account.

**Virginia Beach Council of Civic Organizations (VBCCO)**

First Vice President Dave & VBCCO rep for Lake Shores will follow up at the next VBCCO meeting

re: payment of dues for Lake Shores Civic League.

60 to 70 percent of the civic leagues in Virginia Beach joined VBCCO.

VBCCO is a clearing house for information, disseminates information to civic leagues, lobbies to the City Manager, & wants to have a good, solid membership then lobby.

**Citizen Advisory Committees (CAC) – Third Precinct**

Trustee & Neighborhood Watch Coordinator Rick reports:

The last meeting was chaired by Sam Hribal VBPD’s 3rd Precinct. CAC President.

Virginia Beach Police Department is very data driven.

The Police provide details.

Residents are encouraged to attend CAC meetings.

The next CAC meeting is Thursday, September 21.

[Copy/Paste from Nextdoor on September 20 re: CAC meeting on September 21:

Speakers will be the Director of Public Works & the Director of Youth Services. We have a lot to cover in this meeting; Officer of the Quarter, and we will have three speakers. Lt. Lokey VBPD Youth Services Jennifer Halpin Deputy Registrar Voter Registration & Elections Kristi Rines VB Public Works The CAC is open to everyone who lives in the 3rd police precinct. There are no dues to pay just show up. Come and meet the Police officers who have sworn to keep you safe. Come and meet the people who can make everyday life a little bit better for you and your community. Make sure to buy some 50/50 tickets when you enter, the profits will be used to help the CAC support the officers. Sam Hribal 3rd Pct. CAC President]

**JEB Little Creek Gates**

Rick:

Gates at Little Creek are numbered 1 through 5.

Gates 2 & 4 are retired.

The military plans to install pop-up vehicle barriers to stop terrorists.

Gates will open & close sequentially causing much traffic in Lake Shores.

Former President Jim met with Virginia Beach Public Works & the Navy.

Replacing the barriers at the gates is scheduled for Spring 2024.

Traffic will affect Shelton Park Elementary School & school buses.

Drivers continue to drive across Shore Drive at the light at Lake Shores Road.

The traffic light at Shore Drive & Lake Shores Road was re-timed.

**OLD BUSINESS**

**Neighborhood Signs**

Craig:

Neighborhood signs at Lake Shores Road & Shore Drive, Jack Frost Road & Shore Drive, & Jack Frost Road & Northampton Boulevard are weathered & ready for replacement.

The signs are 12-to-15 years old.

The civic league seeks the most economical way to replace the signs.

Suggestions needed re: material for new signs.

Rick removes the signs before storms with high wind.

**Neighborhood Yard Sale**

Summertime is too hot for the sale.

Suggest having the sale in the Fall or Spring.

Children’s Hospital of the Kings Daughters will pick up unsold items.

**Elections**

According to our bylaws, elections are held in March

Three trustees perform the financial audit.

Nomination for President was held at this evening’s meeting.

Installation of President is in January 2024.

Diane Tortora volunteered as President.

Elaine Clearwater volunteered as Third Trustee

Trustee Dodie becomes Treasurer

Craig, Dave, Dodie, Rick, Corrie, & Jeanne Marie volunteer for the next term.

**Speakers**

Trustee Corrie recommends inviting a representative from a solar company

**National Night Out (NNO)**

Rick reports coordinating with the City.

NNO is a strain on City resources: Police, Fire, small boats, McGruff, Crime Solvers,

Resources visit NNOs throughout the City.

Rick recommends several neighborhoods combine with City resources, food trucks, tables

at less expense for the City.

Lake Shores has no civic league building, no park

Rick will work with the City for a solution.

Lake Shores cannot hold NNO at Shelton Park Elementary School due to cost of insurance

& per the School Board.

Perhaps next year, we can hold NNO.

We could obtain a Block Party permit, hold NNO in a cul d sac.

**Adopt a Street**

Coordinator Jack: We will meet on Saturday, September 23, at 9:00 a.m. at the Pump House

on Jack Frost Road.

Rain date is the following Saturday, September 30.

Recommends gloves & long pants.

The City provides vests, orange bags, grabbers.

We clean on public property.

Lake Shores Adopt a Street is certified & approved for the next two years.

**Neighborhood Watch**

Rick:

E-Pro is no longer in use.

City now uses Open Portal system.

Rick receives reports instantaneously.

Best Neighborhood Watch: Look out for neighbors.

Two break-ins in Lake Shores.

Fewer vehicle break-ins than in the Summer.

Keep valuables & weapons out of vehicles.

Lock the house, turn on lights & ring cameras.

For Neighborhood Watch, we should use Nextdoor, a text system, & our lakeshores.org website.

Paper newsletters are expensive.

The City trims vegetation every quarter at the line of sight intersection onto Independence Boulevard.

Jim recommends lowering speed limit at Shelton Park Elementary School to 15 mph.

Rick: The request must come from the school.

Craig: The City will not install stop signs to lower speed.

Craig moved that the meeting be adjourned. The motion was seconded.

All agreed & the meeting was adjourned.

Respectfully Submitted,

*Jeanne Marie Macdonald*

Secretary