

Pembroke Meadows Civic League

General Membership Meeting

January 19, 2023

Jackie Savage called the meeting to order at 7:05 pm and welcomed everyone to our first meeting of 2023. She said that our first guest, Vanessa Clements, Project Manager for Phase 2A with the City of Virginia Beach, could not be here to give updates on the water replacement system for our neighborhoods. She has reported that this next phase has contractor delays, and they do not know when the current phase will be completed.

Jackie Savage introduced our next guest, Tara Copeland from the Virginia Beach Public Works Storm Water Division. She mentioned that Virginia Beach has a separate storm water system that goes directly into waterways. Because of this, it is important that we stop pollution, catch runoffs, and treat it before it goes into the waterways. She gave information on the primary sources of pollutants such as pet waste, water fowl, fertilizer, yard waste, bare and loose soils, and litter. Failure to pay attention to these things can lead to beach closures, fish kills and erosion. We are in the Lynnhaven Watershed region. People can reserve and check-out a litter pick-up kit by searching the Virginia Beach Public Library catalog. Information on the Storm Drain Marker Program was given and more information can be obtained through vbstormwater@vbgov.com and one can also sign up for the Adopt-a-Drain Program at Drains.VBgov.com and pollution and maintenance issues can be reported at 757-385-1470. Tara Copeland mentioned other programs such as Bay Star Homes www.askHRgreen.org/Bay-Star-Homes/ and pet waste stations and cigarette receptacle grants www.askHRgreen.org/grants/pet-waste-station or www.askHRgreen.org/grants/cigarette-waste-receptacle-grant/ Another program is boat pump-out www.hrsd.com/boater-ed Also mentioned were residential best management practices to control erosion such as conservative landscaping and rain barrels and there is a partnership program with watershed organizations for rain barrels. If homeowners or lawn services are blowing leaves into storm drains, the city will go out and put hangers on doors giving ways to prevent polluting the waterways. Multiple complaints will be addressed and can be reported at 757-385-1470.

A question was asked about street sweeping and Tara Copeland said that the company they were using went bankrupt and they have just hired a new company which may be up and running in February.

Jackie Savage thanked Tara Copeland for her very informative presentation and continued with the meeting. A motion was made and seconded to approve the minutes from the November meeting and all were in favor. Jackie Savage announced that next we would have the swearing in of the new Civic League officers for 2023. President – Jackie Savage, First Vice President – Joyce Anne Stocks, Second Vice President – Donna Price, Treasurer – Carol Moore, Secretary – Beverly Wilson.

Treasurer's Report – Carol Moore gave the following Treasurer's Report as of 12/31/22: Bayport Checking - \$19,151.21, Bayport Savings - \$70,705.29, Overall Total - \$89,856.50

Pool Board Update –The pool is preparing the 2023 budget. They were in the black for 2022. They are in the process of replacing the diving board. Long term capital expenditures are for reglazing and replacing the pool floor. The Pool Board is working on membership pricing, the craft fair, parties and the 5th grade graduation party. A question was asked about military pricing and this is something that needs to be asked of the Pool Board President, Dave Frohwitter, or any Pool Board member.

Building and Grounds – Mike Moore reported that the entryway is now lit with new wall and flagpole lights. The Hudgins Shores brick wall is repaired. A question was asked if we could get a power spotlight to light the sign instead of solar and we will look into this.

Pet Lost and Found – Gerry Richter said that the pool area has become a dumping ground for dogs and other pets. If a pet has an ID, the owner will be called. If there is no ID, Animal Control will be notified because we do not know the temperament of the animal.

Pet Waste Station – Marge and Steve Wynne are volunteers and reported that we have two – one is by the park and the other is at Whitechapel and Hudgins near the commercial area. It is a pole with a sign and a container with bags. They would welcome any suggestions and they can be emailed at wynnfamily@yahoo.com

Garden Club – Laura Alt reported they are keeping up with plantings and weeding. The Garden Club meets on the second Thursday of the month at Peggy Caverly's house.

Old Business – Cheryl Douglas gave us an update on the playground equipment at the park. She has heard from the city and they want to do a walk through next week. The supplies are in and the city is working on getting a crew together.

Bylaws – Jackie Savage said that we need more people on the committee to update the civic league bylaws. The current bylaws are on the civic league website and any suggestions are welcomed by emailing PMCL.president@gmail.com

Budget for 2023 – Carol Moore presented the proposed budget, gave examples for Zoom meeting participants, and mentioned that we are trying to find a company for median upkeep like weeding and mulching. Carol Moore asked if there were any questions or comments about the budget. A motion was made and seconded to approve the budget for 2023 and all voted in favor. The budget was approved for 2023.

Events Planned/Proposed for 2023 – Haygood Skating Center Party, January 29, check in from 4 to 7 – free admission and skate rental if membership is paid. Pot Luck Dinner, February 17, more information will be in the next newsletter and on the website. Easter Egg Hunt, April 1 or 2, Tides Baseball Game TBD (Cheryl Douglas is working on) Yard Sale, tentative May 20, National Night Out, Aug. 1, Halloween Walk, Oct. 28, Wine, Beer & Cheese Social, Nov. 16, Caroling Cavalcade, Dec. 9.

Noreen Fertig gave information for anyone new to the area about the Old Donation Creek Waterway Program. Plans are underway for dredging and she is an interim contact for the waterway. Please email Noreen Fertig at Noreen.fertig@gmail.com

A motion was made to adjourn the meeting. It was seconded and all were in favor. The meeting was adjourned at 8:14pm.