

West View Shores Civic Association Community Meeting May 28, 2011

Meeting Called to Order: President Bob Davidson called meeting to order with Pledge of Allegiance. Jack Shitma offered the invocation. Bob stated the meeting will follow Robert Rules of Order and be handled with one conversation/question at a time. Bob acknowledged that this year's beach clean-up was the best ever in the last few years. More than 30 people joined Joe Moretto's crew and equipment. We filled 5 dumpsters and had three burns to eliminate debris coming from the winter tides and the spring dam openings. Bob gave special mention and thanks to the families of Moretto, Kannuck, Urbine, Lavin, Nestel, Woodruff, Townes, Paynes, Lieuliette, Gipe and all the others who participated.

Secretary's Report: Attendees were asked to review CA Community meeting minutes 9/4/10. A motion from floor to accept/seconded was approved to post formal minutes. Heide Rowan thanked everyone for their prayers and support during John's illness. She also expressed appreciation and thanks to Helena Davidson for supporting the secretary's duties for last 6 months. Anne Townes was also thanked and acknowledged for recording 9/4/10 meeting notes.

Treasurer's Report: Holly Kutz reviewed current budget status and addressed questions about legal fees in 2010. Holly confirmed that 2010 budget estimate was properly reviewed and accepted. For the current budget status report, a motion to approve was seconded and unanimously approved for posting. Actual 5/28/11 budget report filed with meeting notes.

Activities: Chris Payne indicated that all proceeds from sale of water and popcorn will help support this year's children's activities. The Civic Association will not use community assessment funds for social activities. Details for the July 4th Sand Castle contest, Crab Fest, and Halloween parade will be posted on the bulletin boards and on the WVSCA website.

Beach Clean-Up: Heide reinforced Bob's comments earlier and asked also expressed appreciation for the participation of more than 35 people ages 6 to 60+.

Directory: Ellie Lieuliette mentioned that a directory is waiting for all WVS residents and can be picked-up today. If there are any corrections, return the card inside the directory should be returned ASAP. Ellie reminded every one that the ads placed by local businesses paid for the printing of the directory. She encouraged all to support these businesses and thank them for their support.

Water Status - Bob Davidson confirmed that the study is still underway. We expect to hear the results later this fall. There will be a public process to notify residents when the Army Corps applies for permits. Tim Kelly of Army Corps said the earliest this will occur would be 2012.

Grass Cutting: Rocky Quinn thanked his crew of Al Hazelton, Bob Kerns, Dave Nestle and Eddie Lavin for helping with the spring grass cutting and clean up. This is an on-going process which requires regular maintenance throughout the summer into the fall. Volunteers are welcome.

Road Repairs: Tim Townes reported the delay in road repairs was beyond normal circumstances. The approval of funding to complete this project is still open. Pipe repair and inlet installation at the corner of Basin and Low Road will begin as soon as equipment and volunteers can be scheduled.

Dry Hydrants: Tim provided estimates on installing two dry hydrants so the local fire teams can pipe into the bay water. One proposed at the beach area which will go along the jetty up to the road. The second proposed site is to affix piping to the dock and come along to Bluff & Basin for installation. With community volunteers doing the installation, the cost for purchasing the piping and equipment will total approximately \$2500.

Valerie Woodruff addressed question from Gigi Steele about cost savings on home insurance. Woodruff's agent with Windsor Mount Joy indicated that they may save about \$200/yr. Each homeowner should check with their homeowner insurance company to determine if a discount is warranted. A motion to proceed and install dry hydrants was seconded and approved by all.

Tree Trimming: Bob thanked Chris Payne for providing his boom truck to help with the tree trimming along our roads. This saved about \$900 in hiring a tree trimmer and all work was done by Chris, Tim Townes, and Bob and Rocky Quinn, Anne and Jake Townes.

Law Suit Status: The appeal by 14 residents continues with the intent to overturn the previous two court decisions found in favor of the Civic Association. We have no further information at this time. To prepare for the court appearance, the CA needed to hire an expert in appeals to support our attorney in preparing the brief. Once the brief is presented to the court of appeals and to the CA, we have 30 days to respond. Our attorney, John Downs, explained the appeal is heard by a three judge panel who can query both sides, but decision will not likely happen on same day. Bob Davidson appealed to the EPA plaintiffs to drop the law suit so that our community can invest our time, energy and budget into improving our community. Once we know timing, a special meeting will be called to provide more details.

By Law Changes: Bob announced a 30 minute question and answer period before all shareholder ballots were counted. He appointed John Grady and Stephen Holub the official tellers to confirm votes. The following issues were raised and discussed.

1. When shareholder sells property and leaves the community, the CA share can be sold back to CA or to new owner or to another homeowner in WVS. However there is only ONE vote per house dwelling.
2. Change of fiscal year to calendar year so voting on budget at fall meeting reflects budget for new year. This will simplify process.
3. Assessments for maintaining community property in WVS can be levied. A vote yearly on budget is required in the fall. It was noted that language regarding assessments need not be included in the By- Laws to be enforceable. West View Shores has always had the ability to collect assessments for the maintenance of community.
4. Shareholders who paid \$600 would be considered Class A; All other residents who are paying assessments would be Class B and have right to vote on budget items only. They cannot hold office nor can vote on CA assets.

There was much back and forth regarding the above mentioned items, but one potential Class B shareholder, who has always paid dues in the community, reinforced that as a good citizen of WVS who enjoys the use of the beach and the amenities, pays the assessment. It helps maintain the community for all to enjoy whether you are a full-time or part-time resident.

An analogy of maintaining a yearly club membership whether you use it or not, maintenance fee is still required.

Bill Hemphill presented a motion to postpone the vote on By Laws to give everyone more time to review. It was pointed out that all shareholders were given a copy of the draft of By Law via US postal mail. All were invited to attend May 7th meeting at St. Paul's Methodist Church Hall. At this meeting comments were gathered as each paragraph of the By Laws were read. There were only two significant changes made which were clearly stated in the letter and ballot mailed to all shareholders. Therefore Bob asked for a brief recess so that the tellers could count and verify the votes.

After the vote was confirmed, the meeting was called back to order. It was announced that 34 YES votes for changing the By Laws to meet Maryland Corporate Code. There were 27 NO votes for NOT changing the By Laws. There was not a 2/3 majority so the By Law changes were not accepted.

The Board will meet to review how to proceed. Bob extended offer to all shareholders to provide input on the By Laws. He also requested those interested in nominating officers to come forward.

50/50 Drawing was held and Chuck Harvey won. He graciously donated it back to the CA. Chuck also thanked everyone for their condolences on Kevin's passing.

Bob Davidson Adjourned the meeting. # # # #

Meeting notes compiled by Heide Rowan and approved on September 3, 2011 community meeting.