

Bellamy Manor Estates Civic League Meeting

Date: January 10, 2011
Time: 7:00 pm
Location: Kempsville Meadows Elementary School

Call to Order

Sandy Haas-Radin called the second meeting of the Bellamy Manor Estates Civic League (BMECL) to order. She recognized and thanked the original group of individuals who helped to organize the BMECL civic league. In addition, she thanked the group of individuals who volunteered to write and establish a draft of the civic league by-laws.

Pledge of Allegiance

Sandy Haas-Radin asked that we all join in the Pledge of Allegiance to the American Flag.

Speaker

The President of the Bellamy Woods Civic League, Walter T. Camp spoke about the need to have an insurance policy to protect the Civic League. He also requested that BMECL support the Bellamy Woods Civic League's efforts with the City Council on the "Violet Bank" bike path.

By-Laws

Ann Farr presented the draft of the BMECL proposed by-laws; she read an overview on each article. At the end of the overview she asked for any amendments to the by-laws be presented as a motion from the floor.

Motions

1st motion was made and seconded to limit to one vote per household member –
FAILED

2nd motion was made and seconded to limit to two people per household to vote – Article III, section A, #3 **APPROVED**

3rd motion was made and seconded to leave existing physical geography boundaries as presented – Article III, section A, #2 **APPROVED**

4th motion was made and seconded to lower the approval expenditure to \$50 instead of \$200 - **FAILED**

5th motion was made and seconded to add in the by-laws that the civic league will meet quarterly – **FAILED**

6th motion was made and seconded to accept the by-laws as amended – **APPROVED**

7th motion was made and seconded to elect the board before the selection of the committees – **APPROVED**

Selection of Board of Directors

- President - Ann Farr
- Vice President - Drake Tsioutsias
- Recording Secretary - Donna Stanek
- Corresponding Secretary - Nancy Watson
- Treasurer - Betty Cunningham

Selection of Standing Committees

- Welcoming/Membership
 - Judy Schorr
 - Lori Helke
 - Cathy Yarberry
 - Bonnie Rothschild
- Communication/Website
 - Deaner Lawless
 - Jean Ramey
 - Blair Smith

- Neighborhood Watch
 - Bob Rothschild
 - Dan Adams
 - Roger Farr
 - Jerry Ford
 - Eric Helke

- Social Events/Activities
 - Suzy Reel
 - Becky Senska
 - Beth Sheriff
 - Susan Cintron
 - Dede Trbovich
 - Donna Stanek

- Neighborhood Planning
 - Dan Adams
 - Jerry Walton
 - Fred Richie
 - Drake Tsioutsias
 - Sandy Haas-Radin
 - Bill Griffin

The next meeting will be held on April 25, 2011 at the Kempsville Meadows Elementary School.

Respectfully Submitted

Donna Stanek

Bellamy Manor Estates Civic League Meeting

Date: April 27, 2011

Time: 7:00 pm

Location: Kempsville Meadows Elementary School

Call to Order

Ann Farr, President of the Bellamy Manor Estates Civic League (BMECL), called the meeting to order.

Pledge of Allegiance

Drake Tsioutsias asked that we all join in the Pledge of Allegiance to the American Flag.

Speaker

Roger Farr introduced the guest speaker, Captain Theresa Orr, Captain of the Fourth Precinct of the Virginia Beach Police Department. Captain Orr led the group in an open discussion about our best defense against neighborhood crime. She introduced Leah Kreiger, the Crime Prevention Officer for the Fourth Precinct. Office Kreiger stated that there have been 28 reports of crime including destruction of private property, larceny, and motor vehicle larceny for the past year in Bellamy Manor Estates. To assist in our neighborhood security, she advised us to keep our outside lights on at night, report anything suspicious or out of the ordinary, and to watch out for our neighbors. On May 14, 2011 at Bayside Recreation Center, there will be hands on "Best Defense" demonstration.

Treasurer's Report

The treasurer reported that total receipts were \$1170.00, disbursements \$89.17, interest received \$.09 with a balance of \$1526.99.

Secretary's Report

The recording secretary read the minutes of the last meeting, which were approved as read.

Committee Reports

➤ Welcoming/Membership

- The committee chairperson, Judy Schorr, introduced her committee. They plan to send out welcoming letters to new residents and need the cooperation of the neighborhood to notify them as new residents move in.

They will continue working closely with the Neighborhood Watch Committee and are planning a second membership drive in June.

➤ Communication/Website

- The committee chairperson, Deane Lawless, asked the group how many of them have viewed the BMECL website and all stated they are connected to the internet. He then asked the group for any talented volunteers to work with him to refine the website. There are approximately 250 contacts on our neighborhood email distribution list.

➤ Neighborhood Watch

- The committee chairperson, Roger Farr, stated that the city of Virginia Beach Police Department Neighborhood Watch Officer has agreed to approve our program if we receive 60% of our community join the watch program. That would be approximately 238 resident homes.

➤ Social Events/Activities

- The committee chairperson, Suzy Reel, stated that there would be a BMECL picnic held on Saturday May 21st on 956 Larkaway Court at 4:00 pm. Details will be posted on the website.

➤ Neighborhood Planning

- The committee chairperson, Sandra Raas-Hadin, thanked all the members who attended the city council meeting. She discussed the plan to build 246 low-income units at Witchduck Road/Providence Road on the space that had been planned as a historical corner. It was recommended that everyone call the city planning office and our city council representatives to submit our protest against low-income units to be built in our community. She also reported that the first estimate for a brick sign for our neighborhood was \$700.

Unfinished Business

The President led a discussion regarding an amendment to the boundary of the Bellamy Manor Estates Civic League. The amendment would alter the boundary map by removing the homes south of Providence Road since they have been members of the Bellamy Woods Civic League for the past 20 years. The motion to amend the by-laws and remove the area south of Providence Road was made and approved. The motion was **PASSED**.

New Business

The President presented the 2011 budget and asked for any discussion or amendments. A motion was made and seconded for the budget to be approved as written. The motion was **PASSED**.

An announcement was made to start a neighborhood book club. Further information will be posted on the web site.

It was proposed that we consider a "Yard of the Month" program for BMECL. The Neighborhood Planning committee volunteered to take the proposal for action.

The next meeting will be held on July 25, the location to be announced.

Respectfully Submitted

Donna Stanek

Bellamy Manor Estates Civic League

Meeting Minutes

Date: July 26, 2011
Time: 7:00 pm
Location: Central Library

Call to Order

Ann Farr, President of the Bellamy Manor Estates Civic League (BMECL), called the meeting to order.

Pledge of Allegiance

Drake Tsioutsias asked that we all join in the Pledge of Allegiance to the American Flag.

Treasurer's Report

The treasurer reported that total receipts were \$551.04, disbursements \$141.75, with a balance of \$1865.56.

Secretary's Report

The Recording Secretary read the minutes of the last meeting. There was one correction regarding the proposed location of the proposed housing development. The location should have been Witchduck Road/Princess Anne Road. The correction was noted and the minutes were approved as read.

Committee Reports

- Welcoming/Membership
 - The committee chairperson, Judy Schorr, said that she had contacted the two families that moved in and asked that anyone notify her of new families moving into our neighborhood. She has purchased magnets with BMECL on them to be given out. She also spoke to the group about becoming aware of elderly people in the neighborhood and assisting them as necessary or call the police if you feel something is wrong.

- Communication/Website

- No report

- Neighborhood Watch
 - The committee chairperson, Roger Farr, stated that the City of Virginia Beach Police Department Neighborhood Watch program is proceeding with 68% of the neighborhood participating. He still needs two captains, one at Michaux Drive and one on Timberlake Drive. The signs are all going to be free with seven of them strategically placed by the Traffic Engineering Department. He reminded the group of the non-emergency (385-5000) number to call if any door-to-door sales people who have no business permits come into the neighborhood.

➤ Social Events/Activities

- No report

➤ Neighborhood Planning

- The committee chairperson, Sandra Raas-Hadin, discussed the plan to build 246 workforce housing units at Witchduck Road/Princess Anne Road on the space that had been planned as a historical corner. She and other members are attending city council meetings along with other neighboring civic leagues to protest. She also reported that the first estimate for a brick sign for our neighborhood was \$700. She budgeted \$300 and will continue to get other bids.

New Business

National Night Out will be October 4th from 7-8 pm with Virginia Beach Police Department sponsoring; our participation will be decided at a later date.

Beth Sheriff has agreed to be the Chairperson for the nominating committee. She will form a committee and provide the slate of officers in the October meeting. Anyone interested in becoming an officer please contact Beth.

A presentation of the redistricting plan was presented at the meeting. The Redistricting Plan was undertaken as a result of the 2010 census. The City Council will hold a public

hearing on July 27th at 6:00 to review the proposed redistricting maps. The concern for our neighborhood is that we will not stay in the Kempsville district and/or will be divided down the middle at Timberlake Road. There are 4 proposals with the 4th one to be the optimal one for our neighborhood, leaving us as we are. Another meeting will be held August 9th with civic league members attending that also.

With no further business, the meeting was adjourned and the speaker was introduced.

Speaker

Ann Farr introduced the guest speaker, Susan Palmer from Emergency Medical Services (EMS). Ms. Palmer explained the volunteer program, stating that this was the largest volunteer organization in Virginia Beach with over 1000 volunteers and 24 paid career paramedics. The services are free to the community. Susan also explained there is a 19 week course for the volunteers with many credits transferable to TCC in the Emergency Medical Tech training. When responding a fire truck is dispatched 1st then the ambulance is dispatched 2nd. They respond to over 39,000 calls per year with 10 ambulances per shift. Most of the equipment is purchased by donations and grants with Sentara providing the daily supplies, which are in turn charged to the customer. They also have administrative volunteers who clean up and restock the equipment. She introduced Bob Chauncey, Police Chaplain, who talked briefly about the Hoarding Committee. Hoarding has become a new problem for the rescue departments when they arrive at a home and cannot get in.

The next meeting will be held in October 24th , at Kempsville Meadows Elementary School.

Respectfully Submitted

Donna Stanek

Bellamy Manor Estates Civic League Meeting

Date: October 24, 2011

Time: 7:00pm

Location: Kempsville Meadows Elementary School

Call to Order

Ann Farr, President of the Bellamy Manor Estates Civic League (BMECL) called the meeting to order.

Pledge of Allegiance

Drake Tsioutsias asked that we all join in for the Pledge of Allegiance.

Election of 1012 Officers

Ann Farr presented the following Slate of Officers:

Vice President – Sandra Haas-Radin, Dan Adams

Treasurer – Betty Cunningham, Nancy Watson

Recording Secretary – Donna Stanek, Jerry Deviney

Corresponding Secretary – Ann Farr

Candidates Sandra Haas-Radin, Dan Adams, Betty Cunningham and Nancy Watson spoke briefly. Beth Sheriff spoke on behalf of nominee Donna Stanek and Kathy Walker spoke on behalf of Jerry Deviney. As there were no other nominations from the floor, the nominations were closed and ballots were marked. The ballots were collected and tallied by Roger Farr, Eric Helke, and Matt Schorr.

Ann Farr stated that the election results would be announced at the end of the meeting.

Treasurer's Report

The Treasurer reported total receipts of \$101.17, disbursements \$450.77, interest \$1.17 with a balance of \$1515.96.

Secretary's Report

Bonnie Rothschild, acting as Secretary in Donna's absence, read the minutes of the last meeting. After a correction regarding the brick sign, the minutes were approved.

Committee Reports

Welcome/Membership Committee

- Committee Chairperson, Judy Schorr, reported that 2012 Membership forms were handed out at the beginning of the meeting. She also asked members to report any new neighbors to her committee so that Welcome Packages can be sent.

Communications/Website Committee

- Nancy Watson spoke on behalf of Deaner Lawless. She asked for a show of hands from members who were having difficulty with the BMECL email and /or attachments. Only one person reported trouble opening attachments. The issue was dealt with after the meeting.

Neighborhood Watch

- Ann Farr reported a recent break-in on Chalfont. The perpetrators were apprehended. She reminded everyone to lock doors and stay vigilant.

Neighborhood Planning

- Sandra Haas-Radin, Committee Chairperson, reported working with other Kempsville neighborhoods and Civic Leagues to oppose the development at the corner of Withcduck and Princess Anne.

Social/ Activities Committee

- Suzy Reel, Committee Chairperson, reminded members about the Fall Picnic on October 30 at Eastwind Court. She also thanked members who participated in the Yard Sale and stated that we will do the Yard Sale again next October. She asked members to email her with comments and suggestions.

Unfinished Business

There was no unfinished business.

New Business

Ann Farr reported that the BMECL had to purchase Liability Insurance in order to continue meeting at the school. The cost was \$144.00.

She also stated that BMECL had joined with eight other Civic Leagues to form the Kempsville Coalition. The coalition met on October 17 to discuss the planned development in the Historic Kempsville District.

A power point on the proposed Kempes Village development was presented to help members understand what is being planned for the Witchduck/Princess Anne area. Drake mentioned several Strategic Growth Areas throughout the city and reminded people to vote on November 8.

Announcements

Remember the Fall Picnic on Sunday, October 30.

Drake presented Ann Farr with flowers and a sincere thank you for her excellent leadership as President this year.

Election Results

The 2012 elected Officers are as follows:

Vice President – Sandra Haas-Radin

Treasurer – Betty Cunningham

Recording Secretary – Jerry Deviney

Corresponding Secretary – Ann Farr

The terms of office are from January 1, 2012 to December 31, 2012.

The next meeting will be in January, 2012.

The meeting was adjourned.

Respectfully Submitted,

Bonnie Rothschild, Acting Secretary