

## **BELLAMY MANOR ESTATES CIVIC LEAGUE MEETING**

**Date:** January 23, 2012  
**Time:** 7 pm  
**Location:** Kempsville Meadows Elementary School

### **Call to Order**

President Drake Tsioutsias called the meeting of the Bellamy Manor Estates Civic League (BMECL) to order at 7:00 pm. He recognized several guests including Eric Ray, candidate for the Virginia Beach School Board, Doug McLiverty, President of the Fairfield Civic League, and Scott Mathews, a reporter from the Virginia Beach *Beacon* newspaper.

### **Pledge of Allegiance**

Sandra Haas-Radin led the group in the Pledge of Allegiance to the flag.

### **Guest Speaker**

Councilman John Moss was introduced as the guest speaker for the evening. Councilman Moss's initial comments were related to his feeling that Virginia Beach is one of the best run cities in the United States due to the demanding customers, i.e. Citizens of Virginia Beach. Councilman Moss addressed the following issues and concerns:

- Problems related to the intersection construction currently in Kempsville
- High density in Kempsville
- Virginia Beach City Council should reflect the needs of the community
- Role of the Planning Commission
- Budget concerns
- Participation in Coalition of Civic Leagues
- Major issues facing Virginia General Assembly with community impact
- Role of Citizens Advisory Committee and citizen participation

Following questions from the membership, Councilman Moss remained in the foyer to entertain additional individual questions and concerns.

### **Treasurer's Report**

Treasurer Betty Cunningham reported a current balance of \$ 2,953.83 (1/23/12). A motion was made to approve The Bellamy Manor Estates Civic League budget for 2012. The motion was seconded and approved by voice vote.

### **Secretary's Report**

President Drake Tsioutsias noted that the minutes of the October 11, 2011 meeting of the Bellamy Manor Estates Civic League were posted on the website. President Tsioutsias asked for a motion to approve those minutes. Motion was passed by voice vote.

## **Committee Reports**

**Welcoming/Membership Committee**-Judy Schorr

- Membership committee conducted the annual membership drive the month of December. Over 160 residents have either renewed their memberships or have joined the BMECL for the first time
- The Chairman thanked the committee that helped with the successful membership drive (Bonnie Rothschild, Cathy Yarberry, Lori Helke, and Suzy Reel), These ladies along with their spouses hand delivered the Membership Application to the residents of BMECL.
- Please notify any member of the Executive Committee or the Membership Committee of any new resident that has moved into BME so they can be welcomed into the neighborhood.
- The Chairman asked that anyone who would like to be a member of the membership committee for the 2012 year please notify a member of the Executive Committee or a member of the Membership committee.

#### **Neighborhood Watch Committee- Roger Farr**

- Block Captains have been contacted regarding continued participation. The chairman is awaiting several replies.
- Citizen's Advisory Committee of the 4<sup>th</sup> Precinct is scheduled for January 26<sup>th</sup> at 7 pm. Block captains who would like to attend, please contact Roger.
- Block Captain is needed for Zone 8, which includes Blakemore Court and Ashmeade Court, parts of Admiration and Amesbury. If interested, please contact Roger Farr.
- A Block Captain is also needed for Zone 23, which includes 920-961 Timberlake Drive.

#### **Communications/Website-Deaner Lawless**

- Deaner asked for a show of hands of who has looked at the website and who is getting email. He will be available for questions at [bmcel.communication.committee@gmail.com](mailto:bmcel.communication.committee@gmail.com).

#### **Social Events/Activities-Susie Reel**

- The Chairman announced the Calendar for the coming year which includes:
  - Spring Fling on May 19<sup>th</sup> Time and location TBA
  - Fall Extravaganza on September 22<sup>nd</sup>
  - Garage Sale on October 20<sup>th</sup>
- It was also announced that a Buffett Get Together would be held at Neighbor's Restaurant on Monday, February 13<sup>th</sup> at 6:30...\$9 person

Respectfully submitted,  
Jerry Deviney

# BELLAMY MANOR ESTATES CIVIC LEAGUE MEETING

Date: April 16, 2012  
Time: 7 pm  
Location: Kempsville Meadows Elementary School

## Call to Order

President Drake Tsioutsias called the meeting of the Bellamy Manor Estates Civic League (BMECL) to order at 7:00 pm.

## Pledge of Allegiance

Sandra Haas-Radin led the group in the Pledge of Allegiance to the flag.

## President's Recognition

President Tsioutsias recognized Outstanding Civic League Members as recognized by The Virginia Beach Council of Civic Leagues: Sandra Haas-Radin, Ann Farr, and Judy Schorr. President Tsioutsias also announced that the Bellamy Manor Estates Civic League has been named as the Civic League of the Year in Virginia Beach.

## Guest Speakers

President Drake Tsioutsias introduced our guest speakers for the evening: Mathew Cody and Butch Stewart. Mr. Cody and Mr. Stewart are employed by the City of Virginia Beach, Department of Housing and Neighborhood Preservation in the Code Enforcement Division. Mr. Cody and Mr. Stewart presented a short overview of their responsibilities. Their comments included the following major points of emphasis:

- Code Enforcement is the largest division of the Department of Housing and Neighborhood Preservation with 23 inspectors assigned to four (4) precincts
- Goal of Division is compliance and to maintain safety and appearance
- Division investigates citizen complaints and potential violations of the codes
- Major complaints involve grass notices, community parking violations, graffiti issues, improper use of trash cans, unsafe structures, and rental inspections.
- Court actions are last resorts.

Following the presentation, questions were taken from the audience on the subject of Neighborhood Preservation issues.

## Treasurer's Report

Treasurer Betty Cunningham reported a current balance of \$ 3,264.37 (4/16/12). The report showed total receipts of \$ 551.54 since the January 23, 2012 meeting and disbursements of \$ 241.00. A

motion was made to approve the treasurer's report. The motion was seconded and approved by voice vote.

### Secretary's Report

President Drake Tsioutsias noted that the minutes of the January 23, 2012 meeting of the Bellamy Manor Estates Civic League were posted on the website and copies were dispersed for the membership. President Tsioutsias asked for a motion to approve those minutes. Motion was passed by voice vote.

### Committee Reports

#### Welcoming/Membership Committee-Judy Schorr

- Membership drive #2 took place in February, membership renewal forms were delivered to members that were members in 2011 but did not renew their membership in the month of January.
- As of April 11, 2012 there were 223 paid BMECL Members.
- Membership Committee will have sign-in sheets at all future meetings instead of checking off of the roster sheet, if there is a question to a member's current membership status someone on the committee will have a current roster.
- Committee will meet at my home on May 7; if you wish to join the Membership/Welcoming Committee, please contact me after the meeting
- Please notify any member of the Executive Committee or the Membership Committee of any new resident that has moved into BME so they can be welcomed into the neighborhood.

#### Neighborhood Watch Committee- Roger Farr

- The NW Committee attended two 4<sup>th</sup> Precinct CAC meetings. Information and dates for the CAC meetings and the Steering Committee meetings were given to Block Captains.
- There will be an Open House at the 4<sup>th</sup> Precinct on May 19<sup>th</sup> from 10:00 Am to 3:00 PM. There will be displays of the new police vehicles and equipment and activities for kids.
- On April 21<sup>st</sup>, Animal Control will have a Rabies Vaccine Clinic at 3415 Birdneck Road from 10:00Am to 3:00 PM.
- The Block Captains met on March 28. Nancy Watson and Donna Stanek replaced the two Block Captains who were not able to continue this year. New zone maps and member lists were distributed to the Block Captains. We also printed business cards with contact information for the Block Captains to give out as they canvas their areas to enlist new NW/Civic League members.
- We need Block Captains for Zone 9 (Linwood Court) and Zone 23 (Timberlake Drive from Providence to Admiration).
- There will be another meeting during the summer to plan for the National Night Out in the Fall.

## Neighborhood Zoning Committee-Sandra Haas-Radin

- The Neighborhood Zoning Committee is sad to report that the City Council approved the 180 apartment complex for Kempes village.
- We had good representation (and speakers) from our neighborhood and several other Kempesville neighborhood at the City Council meeting.
- Fairfield's civic league president spoke for the project; several Fairfield residents spoke against the project.
- Only John Moss voted with the majority of Kempesville citizens (against the project)
- I encourage you to look for an upcoming poll on what we want for the other sides of that corner, and press City Planning for more green space on the adjacent properties
- Please contact me if you would like to join the Neighborhood Zoning Committee

## Social Events/Activities-Susie Reel

- The BMECL Social Committee met on Thursday, April 12 and came up with this schedule of dates/events.
- As a follow-up to several requests to repeat neighbors at Neighbors we will have another get together on April 30 or May 1.
- S. Reel will poll the membership at the April 16th meeting to see how strong the interest is and how many people would attend
- There will be a committee planning meeting on May 3 (planning for the Spring picnic).
- The BMECL Spring Social will be held on Saturday, May 19th. S, Reel will ask the members at the meeting if anyone would like to volunteer their court to host the picnic. The back-up plan will be to have it at either of the 2 prior courts used for the 2011 picnics.
- We will pursuing the possibility of having a bar-b-q catered either during the summer or for the Autumn picnic.

## Unfinished Business

There was no unfinished business.

## New Business

- Drake Tsioutsias officially announced his resignation as President of the Bellamy Manor Estates Civic League effective April 16, 2012. Drake thanked the Committee Chairman and others for their support and encouragement. Mr. Tsioutsias will be moving to South Carolina in late Spring.
- Accordingly, Sandra Haas-Radin, Vice President of the BMECL, will become President as specified by the By Laws of the BMECL.
- The floor was open for nominations for Vice President to replace Sandra Haas-Radin. Mr. Dan Adams was nominated and by vote of the membership was elected to fill the unexpired term of Ms. Haas-Radin as Vice President of the BMECL.
- Both Ms. Haas-Radin and Mr. Adams spoke briefly on their new positions of leadership for BMECL.

## Adjournment

There being no further business, the meeting was adjourned at 8:15 pm

Respectfully submitted,

Jerry Deviney, Recording Secretary

## **BELLAMY MANOR ESTATES CIVIC LEAGUE MEETING**

**Date:** July 16, 2012  
**Time:** 7 pm  
**Location:** Simon Jewish Community Center

### **Call to Order**

President Sandra Haas-Radin called the meeting of the Bellamy Manor Estates Civic League (BMECL) to order at 7:00 pm.

### **Pledge of Allegiance**

Dan Adams led the group in the Pledge of Allegiance to the flag.

### **Treasurer's Report**

Treasurer Betty Cunningham reported a current balance of \$ 3,257.33 (7/16/12). The report showed total receipts of \$ 51.10 since the April 16, 2012 meeting and disbursements of \$ 125.44. A motion was made to approve the treasurer's report. The motion was seconded and approved by voice vote.

### **Secretary's Report**

Recording Secretary Jerry Deviney presented the minutes of the April 16, 2012 meeting of the Bellamy Manor Estates Civic League and copies were dispersed for the membership. A motion to approve the minutes of the April 16, 2012 was approved by voice vote.

### **Committee Reports**

#### **Welcoming/Membership Committee-Judy Schorr**

- Reported that 179 households are paying members of the BMECL and that 239 people are individual members of the BMECL.
- Membership Committee delivered six (6) Welcome Packages to new residents of BME in June and July. Five of the six new residents purchased their homes and one resident is renting their home.
- Membership Committee met on June 18, and named a new Chairperson, Bonnie Rothschild. Bonnie will be taking Chair of the Welcome/Membership Committee at the October BMECL meeting.
- Chairman Schorr indicated that Bonnie will do an excellent job as Chairperson of the Membership Committee. Both she and her husband, Bob, have been part of the grassroots development of the BMECL and have been very supportive in establishing communication to the residents of BME.

#### **Neighborhood Watch Committee- Roger Farr**

- The Neighborhood Watch Committee met and Block Captains were given the list of Neighborhood Watch members for the zone that each is assigned to monitor. These lists were verified for 2012. The list of Block Captains was sent to the Virginia Beach Police Department crime prevention coordinator for the Bellamy Manor Estates, renewing our Neighborhood Watch status for 2012-13.
- Notices have been sent from the Crime Prevention Office since the last meeting. Chairman hopes that you have found this information useful. Chairman will continue to forward these notices as they are received.

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- BMECL will participate in the National Night Out on Tuesday, August 7, 2012. Residents are asked to turn on their outside lights and join your neighbors in a Flashlight Walk around the neighborhood between 7:30 pm and 8:30 pm. This is a great time to show your support for your neighbors and the Neighborhood Watch Organization. More detailed information will be sent by email.
- Two block captains are still needed; one on Timberlake Drive and one on Lynwood Court. Anyone interested in assisting in these zones should sign up at the Neighborhood Watch Table tonight. Also if you are not sure who your Block Captain is, check at the NW Table.
- Home Depot is sponsoring a Ladies Night At Home Depot on the first Tuesday of each month. On August 7<sup>th</sup> and October 2<sup>nd</sup> the Virginia Beach Police Department's Crime Prevention Unit will be co-hosting this event. The National Night Out and Homeport will be participating by having a Ladies Night concentrating on home improvements that will curtail the opportunity for crime to strike the home. Motion sensor lights will be the focus and how to choose, place and install them yourself.
- Anyone having any problems with crime or criminal acts to your home or vehicles should contact me so I can pass the information on to the entire community. I want to thank the individuals that have notified me in the past.
- Non-emergency number of the Virginia Beach Police Department is 385-5000.
- Look for the summer 2012 edition of the Crime Prevention Chronicle on the website.

**Neighborhood/Zoning Planning Committee-Sandra Haas-Radin**

- Representatives from several Kempsville neighborhoods continue to meet with the city planning department re: the other corners of the Kempsville/ Witchduck intersection.
- Clay Bernick of the City Planning office has added the developer Jack Pope to that group.
- Due to the structure and content of the survey used by the CAC, I decided to write my own survey.
- The other survey did not offer the most popular option, that of a park. The design involved ranking rather than the more precise rating scale. The other survey asked the residents to rank their top choices--which is not supposed to be done with overlapping options. For that reason, I opted for a rating scale--from least desirable to most desirable. I appreciate the 52 of you who took the BMECL survey.
- The 7 most popular choices are as follows: (remember the ratings are the average of a scale from one to five). The most popular choices were:
  1. park-rated 4.73
  2. outdoor cafes 4.22
  3. outdoor plaza 4.16
  4. museum /art gallery 4.00
  5. bakery/ delicatessen 3.84
  6. restaurant 3.7
  7. specialty shops 3.69

The least popular item remains housing. The second least popular was a drug store.

As an additional point of information --A homeless shelter is planned for the intersection of Witchduck Road and Southern Boulevard (where Kempsville Building Materials used to be). This is less than 2 miles from the boundary of our neighborhood. As you can see from recent articles in the Virginian Pilot, the city council seems to be pursuing a city-wide plan of creating areas of high density--despite some significant objections from Virginia Beach residents. On a theoretical level, the plans are to provide high density areas that incorporate places of work, housing, and access to mass transit. This seems to suggest that this city council is also planning on pursuing mass transit, despite the fact that many people have raised objections.

I hope that you all will be studying the issues before the fall citywide election and determine for yourself whether the present city council members represent your viewpoint. Please look at the council votes on the historic corner. I have located a website that lists the candidates for the next election and their financial contributions. I can post it on our web site. You will have two opportunities to meet with some of the candidates. The VBCCO is inviting all candidates to a city-wide picnic on July 19th at Mount Trashmore. An RSVP to the VBCCO is required. It is free to all Virginia Beach residents. Suzy Reel will be telling you of our own plans to invite the candidates at our BMECL picnic September 22.

Other projects have been suggested to this neighborhood/ zoning committee are:

- Yard of the month...putting up brick signage with the name of our neighborhood

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- Garden/ flower swap for interested residents.

This committee is relevant to the beauty and value of our neighborhood, and we are always in need of volunteers. Please stop by the Neighborhood/ Zoning table when we break up into groups later.

### **Social Events/Activities-Suzy Reel**

Suzy Reel representing the Social Committee shared information concerning the two functions scheduled for September and October. A flyer was presented giving the information for the 2<sup>nd</sup> Annual BMECL Fall Picnic which will be held at Woodstock Park on Saturday, September 22<sup>nd</sup>. Invitations to the picnic were sent out by Ann Farr, the BMECL corresponding secretary, to candidates running for city council and the school board. The 2<sup>nd</sup> Annual Garage Sale is scheduled to be held on Saturday, October 20<sup>th</sup>. There was enough interest expressed by the membership for a summer get together and has been scheduled at Neighbor's Pizzeria for July 31<sup>st</sup>. A planning meeting of the Social Committee is scheduled for August 23<sup>rd</sup>.

### **Communications/Website Committee-Deaner Lawless**

- The Communications/Website Committee distributes all internal and external documents and publications.
- Responsibilities :
  - Maintain the Bylaws
  - Maintain the contact list
  - Prepare newsletters
  - Prepare announcements
  - Coordinate and maintain a website and web hosting
  - Assist the Corresponding Secretary with the distribution of information to the members

### **Unfinished Business**

- **Kempsville Citizens Advisory Committee Report-** Ann Farr.
  - Highlights of the report:
    - Intersection completion date is March of 2014
    - Mr. Pope indicated that they were in the process of hiring architects and engineers for Kemps Village and that the project would take 2 years to complete
    - Emmanuel Episcopal Update includes information that the church was pleased with the negotiation results. Emmanuel got the bank corner, maintained the current entrances, got the current 2 lanes in front of the church, and \$ 250,000 more to build a safety wall along Princess Anne Road.
    - The city has purchased the Mexican Restaurant and Long John Silvers in the Food Lion Shopping Center.
    - H.L. Nusbaum will be at the next meeting to discuss their proposal for the corner next to Emmanuel Episcopal Church. Walgreens and Panera Bread have been mentioned but there are no concrete plans.
    - As a result of the CAC poll regarding development at the Kempsville/Princess Anne intersection, consistent responses were in support of outdoor cafes, bakeries/delis, florists/gift shops; eating/drinking establishments, and specialty shops. The combination of responses on outdoor plazas and the strong response on parks from BMECL indicate that a green element is important.

### **New Business**

- **VBCCO Meeting on Mass Transit-Dan Adams.**



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- Mass Transit meetings are held on 3<sup>rd</sup> Thursday each month at 7pm at Central Library Auditorium
- Dan Adams attended last two meetings in May and June
- Timeline: if approved today, it would take 8 years to complete light rail to the Beach
- June meeting: Speaker anti-light rail calling it unaffordable
- Independent organization exists to advocate for light rail-a lobby group

### **Announcements**

- **October meeting/Nominating committee**
  - Call for candidates for 2013
  - Susan Mayo and Jean Ramey will chair nominating committee
- **Speakers for next year**
  - President Haas-Radin solicited ideas for speakers for 2013

### **Adjournment**

Prior to adjournment, the President spoke on behalf of all committees needing volunteers and urged those in attendance to visit the various information tables before leaving.

The meeting was adjourned at 8:07 pm.

**NEXT MEETING:** Monday, October 22<sup>nd</sup>, 2012

# BELLAMY MANOR ESTATES CIVIC LEAGUE MEETING

**Date:** October 22, 2012  
**Time:** 7 pm  
**Location:** Kempsville Meadows Elementary School

## Call to Order

President Sandra Haas-Radin called the meeting of the Bellamy Manor Estates Civic League (BMECL) to order at 7:00 pm.

## Pledge of Allegiance

Dan Adams led the group in the Pledge of Allegiance to the flag.

## Treasurer's Report

Treasurer Betty Cunningham reported a current balance of \$ 3,109.08 (8/21/12). The report showed total receipts of \$ 21.02 since the July 16, 2012 meeting and disbursements of \$ 477.66 resulting in a current balance on hand of \$ 2652.44. A motion was made to approve the treasurer's report. The motion was seconded and approved by voice vote.

## Secretary's Report

Recording Secretary Jerry Deviney presented the minutes of the July 16, 2012 meeting of the Bellamy Manor Estates Civic League. Copies were dispersed for the membership. A motion to approve the minutes of the July 16, 2012 meeting was approved by voice vote.

## Committee Reports

### Social Events/Activities-Suzy Reel

- The BMECL Social Committee has been busy since our last meeting in July.
- The committee organized and held another neighbors greeting at Neighbors Pizza.
- A Fall Picnic was held in September at Woodstock Park (Thanks to Ann Farr and the membership committee distributed flyers reminding members about the picnic)
- Picnic was well attended by City Council and School Board candidates
- Social Events Committee collected two (2) boxes of food to be donated to Food Pantry
- BMECL's 2<sup>nd</sup> Annual Yard Sale was held this past Saturday (October 20<sup>th</sup> ). Thanks to Susan Mayo for making arrangements with DAV to pick up unsold treasures.
- Anyone interested in chairing this committee for next year, please contact Suzy Reel or Sandra Haas-Radin

### Neighborhood Watch Committee- Roger Farr

- Members were provided updates on some of the criminal activity in Bellamy Manor Estates including the recommendation for members to lock sheds and barns on your property. There have been several reports of thefts occurring as a result of no locks being on owners' sheds.
- The chairman reminded members of the following :
  - Driving Rodeo at Lynnhaven Mall October 27 – November 3
  - Recent crime incidents in Bellamy Manor Estates
  - Non-Emergency number for Virginia Beach Police Department is 385-5000

### Neighborhood Zoning Committee-Sandra Haas-Radin

- Chairman referenced the Citizens Advisory Committee on Historic Kempsville and the charge to develop a master plan
- Reminded members that the City of Virginia Beach had constituted the committee
- Indicated that the BMECL had assumed the leadership in this effort but little had been resolved to date

- Reported that the Nusbaum Company has an interest in developing the corner with Walgreen being the key tenant and if that occurs, it could influence the addition of Panera and Starbucks
- Desire from our members for there to be more colonial and more historic influence in the design and the construction

#### **Welcoming/Membership Committee-Bonnie Rothschild**

- No "official" report
- If members are aware of new neighbors to Bellamy Manor Estates, please let her know
- Invitation extended to all to join this committee

### **Unfinished Business**

There was no unfinished business

### **New Business**

- A motion was made that the BMECL would request that the Historic Kempsville Citizens Advisory Committee become an official body to report directly to the Virginia Beach City Council. Following discussion, the motion carried.
- Election of new officers was held and the following persons were duly elected:
  - Corresponding Secretary            Ann Farr
  - Recording Secretary                 Denise Frey
  - Treasurer                                 Betty Cunningham

President Haas-Radin thanked Susan Mayo and Jean Ramey for their work in conducting and preparing a slate of officers for elections.

### **Announcements**

- Suggestions were solicited for ideas for programs for future BMECL meetings and included:
  - Electronic recycling
  - Disaster preparedness
  - Presentation on use of modern electronic devices
  - Animal control services
  - Speaker on library services
  - Swap meet (plants, books, or household items)
  - Speaker on scam alerts and warnings- from Virginia consumer affairs or FBI
  - Presentations from various charities
  - Performance from a local school chorus
  - Speakers from city council or the mayor's office
  - Movie night or game night
  - Dance demonstration
  - Speaker from city's master gardener program
  - Speaker on mentoring/ volunteering/ tutoring at Providence Elementary
  - Clubs that could be facilitated by BMECL:
    - Bicycle, gardening, cooking, bridge, etc
- Reminded members to pay 2013 dues
- Announced that the Next Meeting will be held on Monday, January 21, 2013

### **Adjournment**

There being no further business, the meeting was adjourned at 8:15 pm

Respectfully submitted,

Jerry Deviney, Recording Secretary