

BELLAMY MANOR ESTATES CIVIC LEAGUE MEETING MINUTES

Date: May 21, 2018 7 PM Place: Kempsville Rec Center In attendance: 36

* Dan Adams, President of the BMECL called the meeting to order at 7:00 pm. Those assembled recited the Pledge of Allegiance.

* Dan introduced Jessica Abbott, Virginia Beach Council member representing the Kempsville district. She has spoken once before at a BMECL general meeting. She shared that she has children 8 weeks old and 3 years old. She mentioned that the Council has recently passed the city's annual budget unanimously.....the first time this has happened in 25 years.....with no tax increases, and with a 2 % cost-of-living increase for all city and school employees. Insurance costs stayed the same for city employees, but increased for school employees. No one on the Council got everyone they wanted. The goal for the next budget cycle is to increase funding for flood mitigation. She mentioned that \$ 50,000 has been retained in the budget for a kayak launch and bike trails in Kempsville. Questions from the floor covered traffic calming, ditch maintenance, and relations between the Council and City Manager (Dave Hansen). Jessica stated that the city is 12 years behind in ditch maintenance, and at this time Kempsville is low on the priority list for flooding mitigation behind other areas in the city.

* Two officers from the 4th precinct, Paul Larson and Michael Waslicki, were present and spoke briefly.

* Outreach committee - Heather Brinkerhoff reported that U.S. flags will be placed over the weekend next to resident's mailboxes in honor of Memorial Day. Between June 17-23 there will be a Beach bag food drive to help provide "food insecure" students with food during the summer.

* Social committee - Becky Fenska reported that there will be a community event on June 30th (4-6 pm) to celebrate July 4th. As last year, food will be provided, and there will be a parade for kids (and the young at heart) in the nearby streets.

* Treasurer's Report - Becky Fenska reported a balance of \$ 5,185.30 as of 5/21/18 with income of \$ 541 and expenses of \$ 814.76 since her last report on 2/19/18.

* Signs - Deane Lawless reported that 6 Bellamy Manor Estates signs are now in place at Admiration & Providence, Amesbury North & South, Hanover, Timberlake North, and Charlestown South. All homes next to the signs were contacted and were happy with the sign. Phase 1 is now complete. \$ 5759.20 was budgeted, but only \$ 3,214.63 needed to be spent. Phase 2 (an additional 6 signs with a budget of \$ 5759.20) is in process.

* Yard of the Month has been awarded to the home at 4873 Preakness Way. The committee is looking for additional volunteers.

* Corresponding Secretary Kevin Aviles reported that the BMECL website has been linked now to Facebook. Dan Adams read 3 comments that have been posted on the website.

* It was announced that there will be a Neighborhood Block Captain meeting in 4-6 weeks.

* Dan Adams introduced Joe Carmada as the new chair of the Welcome/Hospitality Committee. Dan thanked Bonnie Rothschild for her devotion and service as chair for many years. Joe

shared that he has met with 4 of 6 new families who have recently moved into the neighborhood.

* Dan Adams also introduced Sylvia and Doug Richendollar who are co-chairing a Traffic Calming Committee. Sylvia shared that over the past 30 days they have been gathering information, which included meeting with Doug McLiverty, who has been deeply involved with traffic calming issues in the Fairfield neighborhood for many years. She stressed the importance of maintaining a 25-mph speed limit in neighborhoods as the risk of serious injury from an accident increases from 5 % at 25 mph to 90% at 35 mph. She also pointed to the difficulty inherent in a requirement that 75% of a neighborhood has to be in agreement for speed bumps to be put in place. She and Doug are still in data review, but plan to draft an action plan, and determine what would constitute "success" in traffic calming.

* The meeting adjourned at 8:25 pm. The next meeting of the BMECL will be on September 24th.