

Princess Anne Plaza Civic League  
Bow Creek Recreational Center  
November 14, 2017

The meeting was called to order by President Betty Warren at 7:01 p.m. Betty gave the invocation while Larry Dennis led the group in the pledge of allegiance.

Secretary Fran Sansone motioned to suspend reading the minutes and to make copies available to members, seconded by Phyllis Elms. *Passed.*

Officer Crawford reported on crimes in the 1<sup>st</sup> and 4<sup>th</sup> Precincts. In the 4<sup>th</sup> he stated there were several larcenies, including those from motor vehicles, and one motor vehicle theft. He also noted that 95 percent of the vehicles involved with the larcenies were unlocked. Hit and Runs were up, and drug related crimes were up in Pecan Gardens, Windsor Woods and Windsor Oaks thanks to increased policing and traffic stops. Hit and Runs and drug related crimes increased in the 1<sup>st</sup> Precinct, as well as overdoses in the Plaza. Crawford said there are two new drugs on the street that are similar to heroin (Kratom and K2 spice). A search warrant was taken out on a house on Raintree (prostitution ring), larcenies from building and motor vehicles increased, firearm violations are skyrocketing, and there were two burglaries in the Plaza in October. The shootings near the Plaza ball field and Maverick Street are still active cases, there was an arrest for child pornography, and arrests are pending in the thefts and destruction of property at the Plaza ball field. Officer Crawford then fielded several questions.

Code Enforcement Inspector James Howard advised members code enforcement complaints are anonymous, and that Code Enforcement has 48 hours to investigate a complaint after it is filed (by calling either 384-4421 or via the office's page on the City website at [www.vbgov.com](http://www.vbgov.com)) He then fielded several questions including how long does it take for a building to be torn down after a structure fire (the City investigates the structure and placards it to prevent entry as well as staying in contact with the owner, but it's a long process if a demo is done), and are code extensions given to flooded homes (issues are still on a month-to-month basis and building violations are not written for flooded/possibly flooded houses, they will still write up grass and trash violations). Betty shared with Inspector Howard a complaint letter sent to the PAPCL about a resident who dug trenches on his property that is causing standing water.

A City representative for Mike Mundy shared canal work updates: *Windsor Woods*-equipment moving in and removal of trees to start, *Windsor Oaks*-Windsor Gate Place project completed, *Windsor Oaks West 2*-Dominion Energy is moving a high voltage line in the project area, *Windsor Oaks West 3*-Project starts in December, *Northgate*-area behind Forest Trail has been dredged and is being stabilized and work is starting on the other side. Citizens were referred to the City's storm water, Public Utilities and Public Works web pages for additional information.

Before Deputy City Manager Tom Leahy spoke, Larry Dennis complimented the City on the work done at Northgate Park. Leahy said the work is contracted out to the lowest bidder and it's sometimes a struggle to have them do the work as directed, and he was happy to hear the compliment. Leahy then began answering questions: At the Nov. 21 public hearing, is the City Manager redirecting \$5M to the Central Resort District? *The money is from FEMA for City expenditures incurred after Hurricane Matthew and goes back to the General Fund. It will be seed money for an unfunded CIP at the beach where there are storm water problems similar to Windsor Woods.* Lake Windsor is very high; can we get temporary

pumps for now? *City is looking at short term solutions that don't eat into the overall resources. Temporary pumps run at 13 CFS (cubic feet per second) while 900 CFS is needed. Thalia Creek residents will likely question the effects once pumping starts.* Virginia Wasserburg said she is going to speak with Rep. Taylor in Washington, DC to ask for funding to help with storm water mitigation. Leahy said there is a public hearing on sea water rise in January for Windsor Woods residents and urged residents to attend 2018 budget public hearings to express their concerns. Leahy also noted it's been 20 years since the Lake Gaston project has been brought online and Virginia Beach has the lowest water rates in the region because of it.

Shelby Giles and Theresa Newman from the Dept. of Human Services and Community Service Board spoke on opioid addiction and their \$1M grant to help addicts with medication, therapy and support groups through the OPTR (Opioid Prevention Treatment Recovery) program. The grant ends in April, and they are taking referrals now and they will be helping with barriers such as child care, bills and transportation. Client backgrounds include the homeless as well as college-educated people, and most have pain management issues that lead to their addiction. 12-Step and SMART (Self Management & Recovery Training) programs are helpful resources also. Contact and information resources are emergency services at 385-0888, and [www.vbgov.com/opioid](http://www.vbgov.com/opioid)

Membership: Heather Harrick reminded those present that memberships now renew annually in September.

Flood Committee: William Jennings first shared Pete Abreu's real estate report as Pete was unable to attend the meeting. William participated in the King Tide survey on Nov. 5 and explained how the phone app worked. He urged residents to stay on City Council to keep money in our flooding projects. We are an area of national interest thanks to the military's presence. William also noted FEMA can cancel your insurance if you have two incidents with at least \$1,000 claims within a ten year period.

The meeting was adjourned at 8:59 p.m.

Respectfully submitted,

FRAN SANSONE  
Secretary