

Corolla Civic Association - Member Meeting Minutes – June 27 2019

Call to Order 6:02 pm

Pledge of Allegiance

Guest Speakers from Corolla Wild Horse group

- Director – Jo Langone
- Herd Manager – Meg Puckett
- 5 staff, 5 or 10 trained volunteers managing 100 horses, 5 foals so far, more are expected
- last year 11 horses died or were removed due to bad behavior
- rehab facility in Grandy purchased last October, located on the sound-side between Century Vineyards and Weeping Radish. Now open on Wednesdays – There are 15 horses there now.
- Last week an injured mare was discovered, moved to rehab facility, severely dehydrated, stabilized, but xrays revealed a severe broken shoulder bone
- Continuing issues with visitors approaching, touching and feeding the horses. They are concerned that this keeps the horses from habituating to their natural environment, threatening the long term future for the horses.
- Noted a “Community Tool Kit” on their website with great information <https://www.corollawildhorses.com>
- Working now with an educational program for all horse tour drivers
- Mention of helping to expand the genetic diversity – talking with Shackelford Banks about options

Approval of Minutes from last meeting

Discussion of Law Suit and County’s Reaction

CCA has been asking for a dialog with the County to resolve the different interpretations of the OT statute. The County has refused to discuss or to change their spending patterns. CCA Attorney recommended asking the Court to intervene. CCA is asking the Court to rule on the proper interpretation of the law and reimburse the Tourism Development Authority Fund to allow increased spending on legal items, like beach nourishment. Lawsuit was filed May 17th.

The County has asked for a 30-day delay to file their response. This would be due July 10th. The Commissioners voted to ban CCA members and spouses from serving on County Boards. ACLU has taken an interest in that issue.

Health Center Grant Status – expecting a decision on our proposal for Federal funding to support CCA’s plan 24/7 health center to serve COBX. Decision expected in September. Working with Towne Bank and Clark Twiddy for a strategy for a short term and long term facility. Betsy Wheeler and Barb have had great success in getting commitments for qualified staff for the center, including a dispensary.

Next meeting in July 25 will have Clark Twiddy and Towne Bank officials here to discuss the future of Towne Bank in Corolla and arrangements for a health care facility.

Motion to adjourn 6:53 pm

Respectfully submitted – Ed Cornet - Secretary