

Corolla Civic Association Minutes
July 26, 2018
Corolla Library

President Barbara Marzetti called the meeting to order at 7:05 p.m. Board members Bill Collins and Gerri Adams were also present. A total of 21 members were in attendance, and the Pledge of Allegiance was recited.

Approval of Minutes. A motion to approve the minutes of the June 28 members' meeting was made, seconded and unanimously approved.

Old Business:

Occupancy Tax Update:

County Document Production -- Barb reported that the Board has been reviewing the documents that the County has produced in response to CCA's Public Records request. The County produced over 6 thousand documents. She mentioned CCA's renewed fundraising plea in its recent newsletter.

Funding of College Basketball Tournament -- She also noted recent news articles that the County paid \$50,000 of OT funds to sponsor a proposed college basketball tournament in Asheville this Fall. The funds were paid to a company owned by Bob Steinberg, our State Representative who is now running for the NC Senate. The tourney would include UNC Wilmington and 3 other relatively unknown college teams. According to the news reports, Dan Scanlon signed off on the funding, but four Commissioners have said they had not known about the funding. The County Tourism Director has said that the event would provided "good television coverage" for tourism business in Currituck.

New Business:

Candidate Forum For Candidates For State Office – CCA's forum is scheduled for Thursday evening (time TBA), September 27, hopefully at the Wildlife Center. This is the date of CCA's regularly scheduled Member meeting. We invited the four candidates for State office. Bobby Hanig (candidate for House) and Bob Steinberg (candidate for Senate) tentatively declined, saying they prefer to conduct a single forum at a venue that is more centrally located in their voting districts. We are still waiting to hear their final decisions. Tess Judge (candidate for House) and Cole Phelps (candidate for Senate) have indicated they will attend. The Wildlife Center venue is not yet committed and an alternative site is the Corolla movie theater. Members will be notified as soon as a time and place are set.

Proposed County Ordinance re Board and Commission Seats – The County is considering a proposal that would change the way these positions would be filled. (Examples of these entities include storm water district advisory boards, Planning Board, and the Economic Development Advisory Board.) One requirement would be that candidates would need to fill out an application for a position. The ordinance would prohibit a person from holding a position on more than one county appointed entity, and CCA objects to this proposal. It is already difficult to find people among our limited number of residents who are willing to serve, and there are currently unfilled vacancies on some of the boards. Another proposal is that a County Commissioner could not be appointed by the outgoing Board at a meeting held when he or she is still in office, a change that CCA approves. The next reading of the proposed Ordinance will be at the first BOC meeting in August, when it could be passed by a simple

majority of the Commissioners. CCA believes that Corolla residents are underrepresented on some of these entities, and we are planning to write to the BOC to express our views on these proposals.

Mainland Citizen Interest Groups – Some citizen groups on the mainland have asked CCA if it would be willing to join with them on issues of common interest. We have told them we would be interested in talking to them and considering their proposals of mutual interest.

Flood Maps – these have been released for review, and would become effective on December 1. They are available online: <https://co.currituck.nc.us/?s=flood+maps>.

Guest Speaker. Our guest was Karen Clark, the Director of the Outer Banks Center for Wildlife Education and the Science Advisor to NEST. Karen provided an update of the Center's activities since her last appearance at a CCA Member meeting, and discussed the broad number of programs offered by the Center, including shorebird surveys, sea turtle nest watches, etc. She reported that 19 nests have been identified this season in OBX. She asked for volunteers for the nesting watches and announced training dates.

Barb said that the next member meeting is on Thursday, August 23, at 7 p.m. There being no further business, and upon a motion duly made and seconded, the meeting was adjourned at 8:00 p.m.

Respectfully submitted,
Bill Collins, Secretary