

Corolla Civic Association Minutes
August 23, 2018
Corolla Library

President Barbara Marzetti called the meeting to order at 7:00 p.m. Board members Gary McGee, Bill Collins and Gerri Adams were also present. A total of 14 members were in attendance, and the Pledge of Allegiance was recited.

Approval of Minutes. A motion to approve the minutes of the July 26 members' meeting was made, seconded and unanimously approved.

Old Business:

Treasurer's Report: Gary reported that the general checking account balance is \$6,999.50.

Occupancy Tax Update: Barb reported on the status of our review of the County's production of documents in response to our Public Records request. In response to our attorney's request, the County acknowledged that the annual audit reports and the bi-weekly Board of Commissioners minutes posted on their website were the official documents and thus we could review them from the website. The County provided hard copy of over 700 pages of requested documents and electronic copies of 5,869 emails and attached documents (averaging 3 to 10 pages each).

We are pleased to report that CCA volunteers have reviewed and analyzed all audit reports and Commissioner meeting minutes between 2005 and the present. In addition, all 700 pages of hard copy documents and more than 4,600 of the emails and attachments have been reviewed as of today. We hope that all documents will have been reviewed by the end of this week.

The information we have reviewed fully supports our concerns of improper management of the OT revenues, i.e. that they be used in accordance with the statutory requirements to increase use of tourism facilities and generate additional OT.

Summaries of our findings on the audit reports and meeting minutes have been shared with our attorney. We are now preparing a summary for our attorney of other key emails and documents that we have found as evidence of the County's improper management of the OT revenues. New Business:

Bylaws Amendments – We plan to hold a Special Members' Meeting to seek approval of a proposed revision of the CCA Bylaws. The principal purpose of the revision will be to conform the Bylaws to IRS regulations; certain other revisions will also be proposed. The Meeting will be held on Thursday, September 13, at 7:00 p.m. We had originally proposed to conduct this vote at the Members' meeting and candidate forum on September 27, but decided to hold a Special Meeting to allow more time for the forum. A formal notice of the Special Meeting will be sent to Members at least 10 days prior to the Meeting, and will contain the text of the proposed Bylaws amendments.

Fundraising for the CCA Legal Expense Fund – CCA plans to mail a fundraising request to property owners in four communities – Corolla Light, The Currituck Club, Monteray Shores and Whalehead Beach – whose HOA Boards declined our request that they forward our previous fundraising letters to
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their members. These mailings will be sent via the US Postal Service, and are expected to be completed by the end of next week. CCA's renewed fundraising plea was also in its recent newsletter. Barb reported that members of our Board met recently with a representative of the NC Travel and Tourism Coalition to ask for their financial support, and we are hopeful that they will respond favorably.

September 27 Member Meeting and Candidate Forum -- Barb said that the next regular member meeting will be on Thursday, September 27, at 6:30 p.m. It will be held in the Corolla Movie Theater (at the rear of the Food Lion Building), because we were not able to get permission to use the Wildlife Center. We invited the four candidates for State office. Bobby Hanig (candidate for House) said he already has two commitments on that date, and Bob Steinberg (candidate for Senate) has not yet committed. Both have said they prefer to conduct a single forum at a venue that is more centrally located in their voting districts. Tess Judge (candidate for House) and Cole Phelps (candidate for Senate) have indicated they will attend.

Guest Speaker – Our guest was Eve Turek, a wildlife photographer and owner of Sea Dragon-Yellowhouse Gallery in Duck. In 2014, her image “Meditation” of a tree line in fog was awarded the Gold Medal for landscape photography among 22 nations in the World Photographic Cup. She displayed the award winner and other photos and described the stories surrounding them and her mental process while taking them. An interesting Q & A session followed. Members interested in viewing her work are invited to visit her websites -- www.yellowhousegallery.com and www.seadragongallery.com

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