

CCA Member Meeting Minutes

26 October 2023

Call to order at 6 PM

Pledge of Allegiance and moment of silence.

Introduction of the Board by Barb Marzetti, President; Wayne Evans, Vice President; Tony Cerri, Secretary; Ben Watson, member; Scott Quigley, member. A quorum was established.

22 people were in attendance.

Guest speaker: Chris Sawin, Outer Banks Community Foundation (OBCF)

- Mr. Sawin is a native of OBX.
- OBX Community Foundation was founded in 1982 by David Stick.
- Community foundations are designed to serve and be governed by the local community.
 - o OBCF serves Carova, Corolla, Currituck Beaches, all of Dare County and Ocracoke.
- Over time, several people have formed 220 Charitable funds serving a variety of needs. There is a tremendous amount of flexibility when setting up a fund, who receives money, how, when, etc.
- Primarily an endowed fund: money is invested, and a percentage is distributed.
- Talking with some people about creating an un-endowed fund. Can be spent down to zero.
- Housing and addiction grants are common distributions for OBCF but they also distribute to a very wide range of groups/interests.
- Feels they are not doing enough for the Currituck beaches (meaning Corolla). They haven't had a lot of interaction with non-profits in Corolla. What are the challenges? They are eager to learn about Corolla's needs.
- Donor advised fund is gaining popularity.
- They distribute funds to non-profits and scholarships.
- They do handle small crisis situations by interconnecting them to the appropriate organization.
- Of the current 220 funds, about 55 funds are donor advised and 75 are scholarship funds. Distributed \$200,000 to 66 students last year. 50 funds are field of interest funds.
- OBCF fund investment portfolio estimate: 70% securities, 20% bonds, 5% in real estate, and 5% in cash.
- Staff is 4 people and 3.5 full-time equivalents.
- They offer office space to non-profits for temporary use.

Old business

- NCDOT has done most of what they said they would do during previous CCA meetings.
- The playground at Whalehead is not finished.
- New handicap ramp is finished.

- Still working on the boat ramp issues.
- Corolla Boat Club. The BoC thinks it is important for residents to go to the meeting where a project is briefed to residents. There is an ordinance that allows residents who attend a project meeting to respond to the applicants summary of the meeting. Barb got a response from her input. This is as opposed to the meetings where we can't speak or if we do, only 3 minutes with no dialogue.
- Beach management plan. Proposals were requested and they are looking over the proposals.
- Commissioners had their retreat last month. Commissioners were not going to record. Barb got them to record. All are encouraged to listen.

New Business

- Three seats are up for re-election; Wayne Evans and Ben Watson are the incumbents and are running for their position. Tony is not going to run for reelection.
- Floor nominations were closed. Slate was presented; Wayne Evans and Ben Watson. All voted in favor.
- One opening left for filling.
- People met with Senator Hanig in open meeting during the Corolla bowl. Many questions. He encouraged people to contact him if they have questions or need help with items.
- Question from the floor asking for an update on the Saga project on Herring. Barb explained the project was approved. Whalehead community members explained they are putting together a coalition to oppose the Saga effort. A committee of 12 is working the action. Discussion around this topic went on for approximately 50 minutes with Barb answering questions as well as explaining the history of the project and how the process works in Currituck County.

The meeting adjourned at approximately 0737.