

## October 8, 1997 Meeting of Chesapeake Colony Civic League

### Chesapeake Colony Executive Board Members:

Roland Doan	President	631- xxxx
Scott Quast	Vice President	340- xxxx
Elvin Steeg	Treasurer	486- xxxx
Carol Taylor	Secretary	486- xxxx
Diane Brassil		340- xxxx
George Dancigers		463- xxxx
Carolyn Dittrick		498- xxxx
Floyd Evans		340- xxxx
Diane Kenley		431- xxxx
Robert Munsey		486- xxxx

1. The president opened the meeting by welcoming the guest speakers, Mr. Fred Pierson and Mr. John Brewington. He explained that the normal agenda would be replaced for this meeting by two presentations followed by a short business meeting to address topics of immediate interest to the members.

**a. The president thanked Ann Webb for the gavel and striking block she gave the Civic League in memory of her husband, Bill.**

2. The president announced the first speaker, Mr. Fred Pierson, the NAS Oceana Community Planning Liaison Officer. He is the first incumbent in this job which was established in December 1996. He comes to this job from NAS Miramar with nine years of experience in dealing with Air Installation Compatible Use Zone (AICUZ) issues at that installation.

a. The AICUZ issues for our civic league are both vital to the continued quality of life in our community and are complex to assess from a benefit/detriment perspective. Many of our residents have strong ties to the military and understand the importance of NAS Oceana to our Naval aviators in receiving the necessary training to prepare them for deployment with our Carrier Battle Groups. These groups form a vital part of our military capability to project power around the globe in order to deter aggression and in support of our nations' vital interests overseas. The region, and specifically the City of Virginia Beach, benefits from the economic impact of having NAS Oceana in our "back yard."

b. A member of our civic league's Executive Board (and longtime resident of the Colony), Carolyn Dittrick, raised some key questions on the proposed increased tempo of operations with its resulting noise level and its impact on the community. She was particularly concerned with the top

decibel level of the F/A-18 Hornets, 108 decibels. Mr. Pierson replied that the decibel levels and resulting environmental impact are exhaustively explained in the Draft Environmental Impact Statement (DEIS), which is available at the Virginia Beach Library for review by any interested parties. Civic League members are encouraged to review this document to understand the environmental impact on our community. The library has multiple copies for review on-site. The study shows that most of our community is in Noise Level 2 where the noise level is estimated to be in the 65-70 decibel range. Of course, that does not preclude a pilot from using maximum power needed when an equipment malfunction or dangerous situation arises. Decibel levels in the DEIS are thought to be on the conservative side and may be revised downward when the final EIS is printed. Noise level complaints can be reported to NAS Oceana by calling 433-2162. Each complaint is reviewed and answered ( 250 -300 annually).

c. The DEIS was released was completed a few weeks ago and interested parties have a 60-day period to ask questions which will be answered and added to the DEIS. The DEIS will again be put out for public comment for an additional 30 days. It is expected that the final EIS will be completed early next year. Then a final decision will be made on the relocation of the F/A-18 Hornets from NAS Cecil Field. The top 3 alternatives are considered to be NAS Oceana, Marine Corps Air Station (MCAS) Beaufort, S.C. and MCAS Cherry Point, N.C. The top alternative is to relocate all F/A-18s from Cecil Field to Oceana. If a decision is made to relocate some of the F/A 18s to other airfields, a minimum of 120 would still come to Oceana. The increase in noise level between having 120 or 180 F/A-18s at Oceana would be insignificant; the economic impact would be significant, however.

d. Public comment is being sought in Virginia Beach in a Town Hall type of meeting which will be held at the Virginia Beach Pavilion on October 27 from 3:30 to 7:00 P.M. It is an Open House and you can either deliver oral or written statements which will be answered before the final EIS is completed.

e. Contact the following individual for further information, if needed:

Mr. Dan Cecchini, Code 3032 DC  
1510 Gilbert Street  
Norfolk, VA  
322-4891

f. Other concerns raised by those attending the meeting and answers:

1) Quiet hours will continue to be observed at the Fentress airfield during Sunday services as requested by Mount Pleasant Church.

2) Concern about additional schools in the Accident Potential Zone is fully covered in the EIS.

3) New homes VA/FHA financing is not available for homes in the highest noise level areas. However, once the homes are one year old VA/FHA financing is again available.

g. Mr. Fred Pierson can be reached at (757) 433-3158 or via e-mail "maicuz@aol.com" if you have more questions.

3. The president next introduced Mr. John Brewington, Vice-chairman of the Board Trustees of the Foundry United Methodist Church. He gave a presentation on the church's imminent purchase of the property across from the entrance to the Colony and a building plan for the front of the church which will enhance its view from Virginia Beach Boulevard.

a. The church is closing on the adjacent property on the 30th of this month. The purchase price is \$250,000. They plan to tear down the white house on the property by the end of November. The new property will probably be used for additional parking until the church has time to assess its best longer term usage. If any of the residents in the Colony who opposed the sale of that property for use as a used car lot / truck rental / tire sale and maintenance facility would now like to make a donation to the Foundry Methodist Church's building fund, it would be most appreciated. The money will be used to help defray the cost of servicing the mortgage for the new property. Remember we have all those beautiful trees to continue to view across from our entrance rather than a concrete jungle. Pledge cards were mailed with the last newsletter or are available from the church.

b. Mr. Brewington showed an artist's sketch of the church's plans for a new facade on Virginia Beach Boulevard. The new entrance will include a beautiful steeple and glass fronted offices facing the boulevard. There will be a circular drive and parking in the front of the church. It will change the orientation of the church with a much more inviting appearance from the boulevard.

4. The president thanked the speakers and moved on to the regular civic league agenda. He passed on the review of the minutes from the last meeting and moved right to the treasurer's report.

a. The treasurer, El Steeg reported the following account balances:

\$ 1,251.41 Checking Account  
\$13,094.57 Money Market Account  
\$ 1,406.67 Perimeter Fence Account

The treasurer also noted that the Civic League now has 233 members which is about 87% or 88% of the total number of households in the neighborhood

b. The president announced that Jennifer Coleman has graciously agreed to be chairperson of the Halloween Party. It will be held on October 31st from 5:00 to 6:15 P.M. We hope to see you all there. Please call Jennifer if you would like to volunteer your help for the party (498-9640).

c. The president apologized to the residents of Boush Quarter for their prior approval not being sought before Carol Taylor announced tentative plans for the adult party sometime in October. Concerns were raised about this location based on the health of a couple of residents of this street. Another location will be chosen, and the party is now planned for early next year. Jennifer Coleman has already offered to help with the plans. We will keep you posted.

d. Carolyn Dittrick reported that the first proof reading has been completed on the new directory.

e. Ann Finch reported that the Garden Club has planted new pansies and put in new mulch at the entrance. It looks great and the Civic League thanks them for making the entrance to our neighborhood so attractive. Ann noted that one of the pumps is not working at all and the other one is not working properly. The president said he would look into it.

f. We have new neighbors since our last Civic League meeting who introduced themselves at this meeting:

Glenda and Doug Tyler at 628 Chesopeian Trail

g. There being no additional business raised, the president adjourned the meeting.

Carol Taylor, Secretary  
Chesopeian Colony Civic League