

Foreside Commons Home Owners Association Annual Meeting June 26, 2021

A meeting of the FCHOA was held via Zoom on Saturday June 26, 2021. Present were Kerry Case, Ken Jones, Theresa and Bill Kopajpic, Tim and Muriel Larrimore, Ed Timmons, Therese Weise and Bob Whiting, Ken Jones.

The meeting was called to order at 10:00 a.m. by Ken Jones.

Presentation by Ken Cimino, Director of Planning, Zoning and Development for the Town of Ocean View.

Ken comes to Ocean View with a wealth of experience in the transportation planning and construction industry. Prior to his current position, he was an Assistant District Engineer with the Maryland State Highway Administration and the Administrator for the Chesapeake Bay Bridge with the Maryland Transportation Authority. He has been in his current position for three years.

His priority is improving pedestrian and biker safety throughout the town. He gave us an update on the Town's work and plans in the Ocean View, especially along Daisey Avenue.

He and the town are concerned with the use of Woodland Avenue from Rt. 26 to Daisey Avenue as a cut through so they have implemented measures to mitigate the speeding problem. Stop signs have been added at two new locations along Woodland Ave. They will continue to monitor the speeding problem along Daisey with the view to installing possible physical traffic calming measures, such as a center island or rumble strips in the area of Daisey Avenue between Woodland and Central.

On July 12, 2021 the trees along Daisey Avenue will be trimmed to provide a better sight line to the signage and to allow easier two way traffic along Daisey Avenue. A new sign indicating no outlet was installed along Daisey and the old sign is still in front of Bob Whiting's yard.

There is a 5 phase plan to continue the existing sidewalk network north of Rt. 26 and to provide connections to Assawoman Canal Trail and John West Park via West Avenue and Woodland Avenue. Phase 1 is currently under design and includes sidewalks from Rt. 26 to John West Park. This portion of the plan is fully funded through 2026. Phase 5 includes adding sidewalks to the north side of Daisey Avenue from Woodland to Central Ave.

SoDel Concepts has agreed to fund the construction of an additional 100 feet of sidewalks from their parking lot at Rt.26 and Woodland to the entrance to the

Cottages at Caroline Street. The Town is in the design phase to continue that sidewalk north to Hudson Avenue. Construction of that portion should take place next year.

The Town is working with the Delaware Department of Transportation (DelDot) to study the traffic volumes at Rt. 26 and Woodland before and after the opening of SoDel's Ocean View Brewing Company restaurant. They coordinating with DelDot to add a pedestrian crossing and consider the addition of a traffic signal.

A great deal of work has been done to remediate the drainage along Woodland at Betts. The focus is now on the intersection of Woodland and Daisey.

Theresa Kopajpic asked whether the town has considered connecting the Assawoman Canal at Elliott due to the significant pedestrian and bicycle danger at the intersection of Daisey and Central. Ken indicated that he and the Town are working with the Delaware Department of Natural Resources and Environmental Control (DNREC) and the Ocean View Marina owner to consider that option. DNREC owns the piece of property across the street from the marina which currently houses lifeguards. The marina owner is considering plans for upgrading the marina.

DelDot has agreed to install a rectangular flashing beacon at the pedestrian crosswalk on Central Avenue at the Assawoman Canal.

Ed Timmons asked about the location of speed bumps, asked about the basketball courts mentioned in the Ocean View Comprehensive Plan and expressed his support for revitalizing the Ocean View Marina. Ken responded that the traffic calming measures on Daisey would be between Woodland and Central. He explained that the Comprehensive Plan envisioned bringing additional amenities to John West Park, such as the new Bocci Ball courts for our local Special Olympics team, and possible pickle ball courts. The Town Manager is looking for options to purchase and develop additional centrally located public spaces. Ken was not aware of a plan to build a basketball court.

Tim Larrimore asked about the feasibility of adding a bike lane along Central Avenue because of the safety concerns. Ken responded that the Town has limited right of way along Central Avenue and the community has long been opposed to the addition of sidewalks on that stretch of Central. He said that he would discuss with DelDot the possibility of adding signage indicating that the road was a shared use road for bikers. The area on Central north of the Canal is part of unincorporated Sussex County.

Bill Kopajtic asked if the Town had considered adding a pathway between the Canal to Fresh Pond. Ken responded that he was not aware of that being addressed but he said that DNREC is planning to extend the Assawoman Canal trail from Rt. 26 South toward South Bethany at some point in the near future.

Ken Cimino expressed his willingness to attend future FCHOA meetings and address additional questions we may have.

Ken Jones welcomed our new neighbors Theresa and Bill Kopajtic.

Therese Weise presented the FCHOA Treasurers Report.

The report of income and expenditures was approved.

Update on Foreside Commons and Grand View Shores joint picnic.

Ken indicated that the picnic was cancelled in 2020 due to Covid restrictions at the time. The picnic had been scheduled for June 26, 2021, but at the Grand View Shores Annual Meeting in May 2021, they suggested postponing until September 2021 or push it off until 2022. Ken indicated Lee Brubaker agreed that their association would let Foreside Commons make the decision whether or not to have a picnic this year.

Ken indicated he would send out a community email to all FC members to vote on holding the picnic on September 11, 2021 at the Weise's home or delaying the picnic to June of 2022.

Theresa and Bill Kopajpic suggested that we have the picnic sooner than later.

Therese Weise offered to host the picnic this year in September.

Introduction and Discussion of New Kayak ramp and floating Dock-Bill Kopajpic.

- Bill Kopajpic presented 2 drawings from the EZ Dock company (see attached drawing with cost proposals) There was strong support from the 7 home owners in attendance for moving forward with the proposal.
- Ken would send out an email to non meeting attendees to solicit their interest in moving forward with the New Kayak ramp and floating Dock.
- Bob Whiting was in support of the proposal.
- Kerry Case expressed support for proposal
- Tim Larrimore is 100% in support of proposal.

- Theresa Kopajpic or Muriel Larrimore suggested that we reach out to Grand View Shores to see if any of their homeowners would be willing to collaborate with us to build and fund the new ramp/floating dock.
- The FCHOA will continue to collect additional information on this project concerning:
 - Cost
 - Community participation
 - Timeline to contract
 - Feasibility

There was no additional new business and the meeting was closed at 11:50 AM

Respectfully Submitted

Ken Jones FCHOA President
Therese Weise FCHOA Treasurer