

**ECA General Meeting  
Eastport Elementary School  
January 15, 2015**

Called to order at 7:30pm by ECA President, Jenny Kottler.

Minutes of November 20, 2014 General Meeting were approved.

John Freeman, Annapolis Police Department Commander of the Midnight Patrol, was recognized.

**TREASURER'S REPORT**

Rita Ormasa circulated the financial report and noted that ECA is already ahead of budget to community grants revenues because of the generous donation of a single member.

**COMMITTEE REPORTS**

**Membership:** Vic Pascoe reported that 166 people have paid dues, 35 of which are new members. The goal is 500 members in 2015; 2014 ended with 440 members. A membership solicitation mailing was sent to Eastport residents. New members were invited to stand and introduce themselves.

**Architecture & Zoning:** Eric Pilka reported that A&Z anticipates 3 major real estate projects up for review and will report to members when the applications are submitted. Upcoming projects are The Hopkins building, Eastport Shopping Center and South Annapolis Yacht Centre.

**Communications:** The committee chair remains open; Jenny provided an overview of the role and welcomes new people to get involved in website updates, newsletters and email messages.

**Eco-Action:** Karen Jennings announced that Greenscape will be on April 25<sup>th</sup> and gave an overview of this event which is a day of beautification/cleanup of parks and other public areas in Eastport.

**Home & Garden Tour:** Marcia Marshall reported that June 14<sup>th</sup> is the date and the Tour will be on Creek Drive, Lockwood Court and Boucher Ave. At this time, 7 properties have been secured and the goal is 10 houses. This will be the 10<sup>th</sup> tour. In 2014, the tour netted \$14,000.

**Safety:** Mike Schwartz reports that he attends Annapolis Police Department meetings and reiterated that locking car doors, houses and garages can prevent most crimes.

**Community Outreach:** The Drum and Bugle Corps received a \$1,200 donation from ECA for the purchase of new jackets.

**Leadership Openings:** Seeking interested members to serve on Ad Hoc Grants, Bylaws Review and Picnic Committees.

**FEATURED PRESENTATION:** Mayor Mike Pantiledes provided a year-end review of the state of the City.

The City Council passed the first budget (8-1) without raising property taxes. Upcoming issues in 2015 that Mayor and Council will address will be parking, storm water projects, land use issues (110 Compromise, Crystal Springs). The Mayor has requested \$8-10 million from the State for infrastructure repairs and improvements. The Mayor answered questions from the audience.

**ALDERMAN UPDATE:** Ross Arnett introduced Pete Gutwald, the City's new Planning and Zoning Director.

Ross and Pete have met and toured Eastport, with a focus on traffic patterns. A major issue in Eastport and downtown Annapolis is flooding and sea level issues; Lisa Craig is coordinating Army Corps of Engineers study on how to mitigate flooding. Ross discussed the withdrawal of legislation to purchase 110 Compromise because of limited support. Ross also answered audience questions.

**OTHER ANNOUNCEMENTS**

**ECA Logo Contest:** Marcia Marshall announced the contest for a new designed logo by an Eastport artist.

The winning logo will be announced at the next general meeting.

**Thank you:** Dantae Butler was presented a check for \$100 for his assistance with setting up ECA's meetings at Eastport Elementary School.

**NEXT GENERAL MEETING:** March 19, 2015 at Eastport Elementary School.

Meeting was adjourned at 9:05 pm.