

**Minutes for the March 13, 2017 Cape Story by the Sea (CSBTS) General Meeting
at the Resort Conference Hotel submitted by Todd Solomon**

Meeting Start: Called to order at 7:30 pm by President Diana Albis. 15 attendees were present.

Special Presentation – Cape Kids explained what their group does and also discussed their plans to create a scholarship award program. They planned to give out three \$500 awards and asked Cape Story by the Sea Civic Association if they would be interested in sponsoring a \$500 award. A question and answer session followed. CSBTS officers agreed to discuss possible support.

Officer Reports:

Secretary Report: Minutes were submitted by Ginnie Stover for the February meeting. **A motion was made by Diana Albis to accept the minutes as written. A second was made by Cathie Sykes. The motion passed unanimously.** Todd Solomon volunteered to be the interim Secretary for future meetings until a permanent person is identified.

Treasurer's Report: Report submitted by David Albis, presented by Diana Albis and accepted. \$22,973.39 total funds in Cape Story Accounts and \$7,438.88 in the Fireworks account.

1st V.P. Report: It was reported that the VBCCO isn't doing so well. Their website doesn't work anymore, their events are poorly attended and they are having trouble finding volunteers for board positions. CSBTS will remain a paid member in hopes they can recover.

President's Report: Report as part of meeting.

Committees:

Beautification – Last clean-up was held on Feb. 18th and only had 5 volunteers. The next clean-up will be in May. Actual date and time is TBD.

Military Partnership – Things have been slow, no current needs or action items.

Shore Drive Community Coalition (SDCC) – Upcoming area events: Seashore Art Festival to be held Sat. April 8th from 10am to 5pm in First Landing State Park. Bayfront Advisory Commission (BAC) is asking for civic groups to identify their top issues and send a representative to an upcoming meeting to present and discuss.

Fireworks – Todd Solomon has met with a new pyrotechnic company and will be signing a \$12,000 contract for this year. The company is Innovative Pyrotechnic Concepts, is local and will include set up and take down of display.

Neighborhood Watch – A new structure using street captains or area captains will be needed to maintain our status and keep our signs. Attendance at monthly Community Action Committee meeting is mandatory. It was suggested to call a meeting of the CSBTS street captains to discuss job descriptions and what would be required to keep the NW established.

Skipjack Newsletter – To date nobody has stepped up to take over the newsletter. The newsletter will stop and advertisers will be reimbursed as necessary. Using the website and mailchimp to create an automated newsletter was suggested. However a hard copy dues letter and return envelope should still be used to keep up memberships.

Spring Fling – This year's event will be held on Sunday May 21st. Todd suggested having Cape Kids help with this year's event and eventually take over running it in the future. This will be his last year. Volunteers can contact Todd at todd@sdcc.info or 757-667-8533.

Old Business:

Marina Shores Development – Diana provided an update on the proposed development. The developers have modified their plans and presented them to the adjacent residents in Long Creek Cove. The total number of units have been reduced from 261 to 200. There will not be a 2nd entrance added to the east. There are still no plans to add a stop light at the intersection of N. Great Neck and Lynnhaven Dr. They expect to go before the Planning Commission no earlier than June. Diana has asked the developers to present the new plan at the April CSBTS meeting.

New Business:

Bike Path Safety – Comments were made that bikes on the trail aren't stopping as they cross intersections between Beech and Wake Forest. A suggestion to hand out safety pamphlets was made. Another suggestion to revisit the idea of turning the trail into a long wide speed bump at the intersections similar to the ones at 31st. Diana offered to look into this.

Meeting Adjourned – 9:05pm **A motion to adjourn was made by Empsy Munden and 2nd by Ginnie Stover. Motion passed unanimously.**