

Minutes for the Oct. 10, 2016 Cape Story by the Sea (CSBTS) General Meeting at the Resort Conference

Hotel

(Submitted by Kurt Neitzke)

Meeting Start: Called to order at **7:36PM** by the CSBTS President Ms Diana Albis. Approximately 10 attendees were present.

Special Guest / Program: None

Officer Reports:

Treasurer's Report (Dave Albis):

1. Sept. 10, 2016 Income/Expense/Balances summary was provided for review and accepted as drafted by Diana Albis

Secretary Report (Kurt Neitzke)

1. The June 2016 minutes were posted to the CSBTS website too late for members to review for the September meeting, so the motion to approve them was postponed until the October meeting. A motion to approve both the June and September meeting minutes was made by **Empsy Munden** and seconded by **Kim LaCroix**, and the motion was approved without dissent.

President's Report (Diana Albis): See comments under Unfinished, and New Business below.

1st VP Report (Empsy Munden):

1. Median signs identifying our Cape Story by the Sea neighborhood have been discussed with the City with the following noted:
 - a. One sign (incl. installation) estimated at \$1200.00
 - b. A second sign, if desired would cost an undetermined additional amount (will request estimate)
 - c. Civic Association will vote at next meeting whether to pursue the purchase & installation.
2. Nov. 24 scheduled for re-routing of westbound traffic over new Lesner Bridge; eastbound traffic scheduled for re-routing to new span in early December.
3. Empsy hosting a Sip'n Shop event at the Pink House Sun. Oct 16, featuring local arts and crafts display and sale, together with wine tasting.
4. Neighborhood Watch Coordinator to replace Regina Wallace, who is retiring from that role, is still required. Anyone interested should contact Regina directly, or any Civic Association Officer. Training for the position at the VA Bch. Law Enforcement Academy (Old Seatack Elementary School Bldg. off Birdneck Rd.) scheduled for Oct. 12th, 6:00 – 8:30 PM.
5. Poll worker opportunity for the Nov. 8th elections are available and pays \$160.00.

2nd VP Report: Cathy Sykes: Not in attendance

Past-President's Report (Todd Solomon):

1. Last Month's SDCC mtg. featured Virginia General Assembly Delegate Chris Stolle providing a "general status for our district" presentation
2. Monthly Shore Drive Community Coalition (SDCC) scheduled for Oct. 24, will include a presentation from Habitat for Humanity

3. Aiming for a January SDCC mtg. to present the “60% Design” phase for the Shore Drive Drainage Plan Project which covers storm water drainage between the Lesner Bridge, and First Landing State Park.

Committees:

Beautification:

1. Had one last park and shore drive (no multi-use trail) Saturday cleanup prior to the Sept. 10 Civic Assoc. mtg.

Skipjack (Ginny & Tracy Stover):

1. Deadline for final Skipjack Newsletter (barring a new publisher stepping forward to continue) will be after the Oyster Roast Nov. 6th.

Military Partnership (Teri Doddy):

1. Thanksgiving baskets, that will include donated canned goods gathered at the Oyster Roast, together with turkeys and some additional food will be provided to 6 – 7 military families at Fort Story.

Unfinished Business:

1. **Proposed Marina Shores Development:** No new developments to report
2. **Flooding Concerns:** Todd Solomon noted:
 - a. Temporary plugs were installed to prevent back-flow from Long Creek into CSBTS during times when the Long Creek water level was higher than the CSBTS street level during Hurricane Mathew
 - b. It successfully prevented backflow, however, accumulated rainfall within CSBTS could not drain because of the plugs once low tide receded to a point where rainwater could have drained successfully to Long Creek.
 - c. Construction continues on the permanent backflow prevention valves at the end of First Landing by the bike path, which will automatically close/open, as appropriate, to prevent tidal water backflow, while allowing rainwater drainage to alleviate flooding within CSBTS
3. **Oyster Roast:**
 - a. Next Oyster Roast Mtg. is scheduled for Thurs. Oct. 24st at Empsy’s House.
 - b. Oyster Roast Date is Nov. 6th.
 - c. Volunteers required still for various functions at the OR
 - d. Will likely know approx. ten days prior to the OR, whether it can be held at our neighborhood park or not
 - e. No pot luck food, personal coolers, or other food/drink may be brought inside the OR boundary fences
 - f. City officials will be present, if event held at our park, as this is a pilot program for holding similar events elsewhere in the city. Officials will be present to observe any problems or issues that may arise.
 - g. Paper ticket sales by CSBTS members will be the only ticket sales for this event
 - h. A flyer was printed to advertise the event for distribution to CSBTS homes by Street Captains
 - i. A 2-1/2’ X 12’ banner was donated to CSBTS to advertise the OR.
 - j. Purchase of an oyster roasting steamer by CSBTS was proposed. The cost is approximately \$969.00. It was agreed to use the steamer this OR, then make a motion to purchase one at the Nov. monthly meeting if it works well.
4. Virginia Beach Coalition of Community Organizations (VBCCO)
 - a. The Draft Event Housing Position Statement was voted on and passed at the Sept. 15th

VBCCO meeting. The draft statement was presented at the Sept. monthly CSBTS Civic Assoc. Mtg. where a motion to endorse the statement was successfully passed.

- b. A neighborhood conference invitation was extended to Va Bch residents, focused on “Meeting the Special Needs of our Community” at the VA Bch Convention Center on Sat. Oct. 29, from 8:30 AM to 2:30 PM.
5. A motion to adjourn the meeting was made at 8:47 by **Kurt Neitzke**, seconded by **Todd Solomon**. The motion passed without dissent.

New Business:

1. Short-term online home rentals such as AirBnB
 - a. The City is soliciting inputs from citizens regarding personal experience with such rentals.
 - b. City Council is studying regulations for such rentals, with recommendations by the end of Sept.
 - c. To share personal experiences, consult: www.vbgov.com/virtualtownhall .
2. Diana shared that an organization exists, called: Open Doors – Open Hearts, which provides door hardware to enhance accessibility for people with disabilities to businesses, etc. If interested search online or contact Diana.
3. Regina Wallace will be resigning as our Neighborhood Watch Coordinator. CSBTS will need to preplace her or risk losing our neighborhood watch signs displayed throughout CSBTS.

**Meeting Adjourned – 8:51 pm; A motion to adjourn was made BY Tosh Cahoon and 2nd by Empsy Munden.
Motion passed without dissent.**