

**Minutes for the March 10, 2014 Cape Story by the Sea (CSBTS) General Meeting
at the Resort Conference Hotel submitted by Todd Solomon**

Meeting Start: Called to order at 7:30pm by 1st VP Bill House. 9 attendees were present.

Special Guest / Program – Karen Lauderback, SpayHR representative, talked to us about her organization and their Trap, Neuter, Release (TNR) programs. She mentioned that SpayHR has been called to trap feral cats in First Landing State Park and in Ocean Park. SpayHR will set up traps for feral animals, collect them, neuter the animal, bring them back to the capture area and release them. Animals are evaluated and adoptable animals are kept while others are released. No animals are euthanized. SpayHR offers spay/neuter services for a grant subsidized cost of \$45. There are no legal ramifications to residents that may accidentally trap a neighbor's cat. More information can be found at www.artanimals.org/spayhr/ or by calling 456-1215.

Officer Reports:

Treasurer's Report: Report submitted by Dave Albis and accepted. \$14,064 total funds in Cape Story Accounts and \$3,164 in the Fireworks account.

Secretary Report: February 10, 2014 minutes were presented. **A motion to approve the minutes with no changes was made by Bill House and 2nd by Tosh Cohoon. Motion passed unanimously.**

President's Report: No report, Empsy was not present.

1st VP: No report.

2nd VP: No report.

Committees:

Fireworks – Contract signed. Preparing to submit permit paperwork. Bill House is working on Sponsorship Program.

Beautification – Committee conducted a clean-up on Feb 15th. Great participation and lots of garbage picked up, much of which was dog waste. Please remind anyone not cleaning up after their pets that there are free waste bags and garbage cans along the bike path.

Skipjack Newsletter – Spring edition on the street and posted on www.capestory.org website.

Neighborhood Watch – Several car break-ins. Two had windows smashed to gain entrance the others were unlocked. It was suggested that we contact the Police precinct and determine if a trend is happening and ask them to come out and brief us if there is.

Paddle Board – Bill House is working on this, but needs a lot of help. He is trying to secure event insurance. Volunteers will be needed for the event. Contact him if interested. Event date not set, but most likely last week in July.

Old Business Highlights -

Neighborhood Signs – Todd picked up the two neighborhood signs we had made several years ago. They are being stored in the shed. We are still working with Bayfront Advisory Committee (BAC) to determine if a partnership can be created to identify locations to place the signs.

New Business Highlights-

Flood Maps – City Staff presented information to BAC regarding the new FEMA flood maps. Cape Story residents are encouraged to check out the new maps for potential changes to their homes flood zones. If your home was built pre-1970 and you are in a flood zone, chances are your flood insurance costs will be going up.

CSBTS Officers Election – The election will take place at the April General meeting. If interested in running, contact Empsy Munden.

CSBTS Official Photographer – Jeannie Winters was appointed as the official photographer for the CSBTS Civic Association.

Meetings:

BAC – March 20th at 3:30pm, Resort Conference Hotel

SDCC – March 31st at 7:30pm, Ocean Park Volunteer Rescue Squad – **Flood Map Presentation**

VBCCO – April 16th at 7:00pm in the Central Library auditorium

Meeting Adjourned – 8:20pm **A motion to adjourn was made by Bill House and 2nd by Todd Solomon. Motion passed unanimously.**