

**Minutes for the March 9, 2015 Cape Story by the Sea (CSBTS) General Meeting  
at the Resort Conference Hotel submitted by Todd Solomon**

Meeting Start: Called to order at 7:34 pm by President Empsy Munden. 23 attendees were present.

Special Program – Presentation on Flood Insurance and Flood Mitigation by Mr. Scott Hunter, Comparity Insurance Simplified and Mr. Mike Vernon, Flood Mitigation Hampton Roads. The presenters informed attendees that the City of Virginia Beach doesn't participate in the Federal National Flood Insurance Program (NFIP) Community Rating System (CRS). VB and Newport News are the only two cities not participating. This program has the potential to save 5% to 15% on your flood insurance premium. The City is currently evaluating joining the program and residents letting Council Members hear support could help.

Comparity (<https://comparityins.com>), evaluates multiple insurance company rates and provides a side-by-side comparison to identify the best and lowest premiums for clients. Comparity doesn't charge individuals for the service, the writing agency pays a commission. There are 36 agencies in the Comparity system. Employees are FEMA trained and can assist with Flood Insurance questions.

Flood Mitigation Hampton Roads (<http://www.floodmitigationhr.com>) helps bring homes located in Flood Zones into compliance. Bringing a home into compliance can help reduce insurance premiums. NFIP premiums are set to begin increasing April 1<sup>st</sup>. Federally subsidized Pre-Firm (Flood Maps) homes built in 1975 will see an 18% increase for 4-5 years. Some improvement projects that can reduce premiums are: foundations and crawl spaces; foundation vents; elevation of HVAC, hot water tanks, other equipment; converted garages; base floor elevation. The mitigation process provided by Flood Mitigation HR consists of Elevation Certificate, Scope of Mitigation, Return on Investment, Project Planning, Work Complete, Follow Up. Mitigating a home can provide the following benefits: safety, lower flood premiums, increased home value. The first step is obtaining an elevation certificate. Call you handling agent, not FEMA, to obtain a copy or information.

Guest Recognition – State Delegate Bill DeSteph was present and informed that he would be seeking to run for the State Senate seat being vacated by Jeff McWaters.

Mr. Jason Miyares, former VB Prosecutor and aid to Del. Scott Rigell, introduced himself and informed that he would be running for the 82<sup>nd</sup> district delegate seat being vacated by Bill DeSteph.

Officer Reports:

Treasurer's Report: Report presented by Dave Albis and accepted. \$18,171.96 total funds in Cape Story Accounts and \$3,166.06 in the Fireworks account.

Secretary Report: February 9, 2015 minutes were presented. **A motion to approve the minutes with no changes was made by Todd Solomon and 2<sup>nd</sup> by Ginnie Stover. Motion passed unanimously.**

President's Report: Empsy Munden stated that Mr. Gene Evans provided her with documents established for the "Stop Dredging Transfer Site at Maple Street" fund. Empsy also stated she would be sitting on a City committee that will evaluate the renovation of John B. Dey Elementary School. The school is the 2<sup>nd</sup> oldest in the City and was scheduled to be knocked down and replaced. The new plan is to renovate instead.

Committees:

**Beautification** – Sat. March 21<sup>st</sup> next scheduled clean-up.

**Spring Fling** – Sunday May 17<sup>th</sup> from 4-7pm. Todd Solomon is lead. If you would like to help, email him at [todd@sdcc.info](mailto:todd@sdcc.info) or call/text at 667-8533.

Old Business:

**Shamrock Race Volunteers** – Event is Sunday March 22<sup>nd</sup>, more volunteers are welcomed. CSBTS will receive \$80 per volunteer to be used for the Fireworks fund

**Bayfront Advisory Committee (BAC)** – Thursday March 19<sup>th</sup> at 3:30pm in the VBRHCC.

**Virginia Beach Council of Civic Organizations (VBCCO)** – March 19<sup>th</sup> Central Library at 7pm. Arena Proposal topic.

**Shore Drive Community Coalition (SDCC)** – Monday March 30<sup>th</sup> at 7:30pm in OP Rescue Squad Hall.

Meeting Adjourned – 8:46pm **A motion to adjourn was made by Ginnie Stover and 2<sup>nd</sup> by Todd Solomon. Motion passed unanimously.**