

**Minutes for the March 9, 2009 Cape Story by the Sea (CSBTS) General Meeting
at the Resort Conference Hotel submitted by Todd Solomon**

Meeting Start: Called to order at 7:29 pm by President Empsy Munden. 18 attendees were present.

Special Guest / Program– Mr. George Dagues a certified firearms instructor explained the importance of firearm safety and provided an overview of his training classes. His office is at 2129 General Booth Blvd and his number is 235-9847.

Officer Reports:

Secretary Report: February 9, 2009 minutes were read by Todd Solomon. **A motion to approve the minutes without comment was made by Ginnie Stover and 2nd by David Albis. Motion approved unanimously.**

Treasurer's Report: February report was read by Dave Albis. \$12,502 total funds in Cape Story Accounts. \$2,807 in fireworks fund.

1st VP : Suggestion to look at expanding distribution of future Holiday Giving food donations, based on volume of canned and packaged goods received this year. Possible recipients: additional families, Food Bank, church food pantries, etc. Skipjack Spring issue has been distributed to street captains for delivery. Included note and email reminder to avoid using mailboxes for delivery.

President: Touched briefly on Neighborhood Institute; Va Beach Citizen's Advisory; upcoming Shamrock Marathon (be aware of possible street/lane closures and volunteer opportunities); upcoming Self Defense workshop to be offered at local recreation centers. Local company "Passport Health" has offered to send a speaker to a future meeting. They offer flu shots, certain vaccines, medical services for travelers. Possible Skipjack advertising lead. Politics in VB - Mentioned Republican and Democrat Party breakfasts; opportunity to meet/listen to local party leaders.

Committee Report Highlights:

- Neighborhood Watch (NW) – An attempted house break-in was reported on Beech. A car on Maple (bayside) had its wheels stolen. 2/9/09, a teenage (13-15) boy in a leg cast was seen writing on the playground equipment. If you know this boy's parents, please mention this incident to them. African Grey parrot was lost and found 2 days later with the help of residents and the NW email system.
- Neighborhood Beautification – Last clean-up had 17 volunteers. Great job. Bloom was the worst condition ever. Empsy spoke to Bloom manager, but not much luck. New trash can located behind Bloom near Beech Street. Next clean-up is scheduled for Sunday April 26 at 2pm in the neighborhood park. Bring the kids. Empsy agreed to let the management of Bloom know of the event in hopes they would join us. A similar notification should be given to Marina Shores Apts.
- Skipjack – Spring edition is on the streets.
- Spring Fling – Sunday May 17th from 4-7pm in the neighborhood park. Rain date is Sunday May 24th.

Old Business Highlights

- Bike Path Intersection Safety – A group of residents met with City Traffic Engineer, Mike Shashiah, to review drawings and the proposed location of traffic calmers on Sandalwood and Bayberry. Main concerns were voiced about the possible impact to storm water collection. **A motion was made by David Albis and 2nd by Tom Keane to "Table the vote on these calmers until the April meeting and send out an email notice with sketches." Motion passed 16-2.**
- Pound pole fishing nets – 2 new application have been submitted to the Virginia Marine Resources Commission (VMRC) for 3 new locations west of the Lynnhaven Inlet. The VMRC will hold a public hearing on these applications Tuesday March 24th.
- Lesner Bridge Replacement – Discussion was held on the alignment issue for the new bridge design. SDCC, BAC and City Council favor the southern alignment. Southern alignment costs range from \$72-\$76 million and the northern alignment is estimated to cost \$67 million. The major difference in the southern alignment is the cost to move the high tension power lines under ground. **A motion to endorse the Southern alignment was made by David Albis and 2nd by Ginnie Stover. Motion passed unanimously.**

New Business Highlights

- CSBTS Civic Association Elections for 2009 - **The slate of nominees was read and no nominations from the floor. The slate was voted in unanimously: Empsy Munden – President, Tracy Stover – 1st VP, Diana Albis – 2nd VP, David Albis – Treasurer, Todd Solomon – Secretary.**
- Marina Shores Wetland Permit – Does anyone know what this is about? Todd took action to find out.
- Graffiti Issues – Gary Forrest discussed new paint removal items that may help us. **A motion was made by Ginnie Stover and 2nd by Barbie Sherrill to spend \$100.00 to purchase paint removal wipes and solution. Motion passed unanimously.**
- Cape Story Flags – Volunteers are desperately needed to help install/remove/maintain the flags on the light poles at the entrance to each street. Gary has been doing it all by himself and needs help. Empsy agreed to send out an email request and a notice will also be included in the next Skipjack.
- Important Meetings/Dates:
 - VBCCO: March 11, 2009 at the Central Library. Presentation on the mortgage crisis. www.vbcco.org
 - SDCC - Shore Drive Community Coalition – March 30, 2009 Monday 7:30PM Ocean Park fire/rescue station. Del. Joe Bouchard will speak. www.sdcc.info

Meeting Adjourned – 8:40pm **Motion to adjourn made by David Albis and 2nd by Todd Solomon and approved unanimously.**