

**Minutes for the April 12, 2010 Cape Story by the Sea (CSBTS) General Meeting
at the Resort Conference Hotel submitted by Todd Solomon**

Meeting Start: Called to order at 7:35pm by President Empsy Munden. 25 attendees were present.

Special Guest / Program– **Brian Crouch, City Parks and Rec and Paula Larossa, City Codes Arborist** were present to discuss the recent identification of hazardous trees along the Cape Henry Trail. Dominion Power contacted the City and identified trees of concern. Dominion was worried that storms would knock trees into their power lines. The City investigated all properties along the bike path and cited those with hazardous trees. There are 25 trees currently identified for removal. Some are on public and some private property. The City is still surveying an additional 6 lots to determine ownership of additional trees. Mr. Couch stated that there are no plans to identify trees along the neighborhood streets, only along the bike path.

Phill Roehrs, City Costal Engineer and Phil Koetter, City Public Works were also present to discuss storm water and beach replenishment issues. The Calvert Street French drain was cleaned out twice since the storm and still backs up. City is working with homeowner on possible tree removal. City received a draft of the storm water study. Comments will be made and the final report will be presented to civic league. Preliminary results state that a tidal gate will not work for First Landing outfall. Continue to call Public Works when flooding occurs. Get a work order # so you can track progress. The bike path ditch is on a 3-5 year clean out cycle. Beach Replenishment is complete. City was asked to remove the old posts at the Oak St. access. Comment was also made regarding the poor quality of the last loads of sand. Dirt clumps, roots and other material remains on the beach from Oak to Kendall. The Sandalwood access repair is being reviewed by FEMA. The new access will be 60 feet closer to the dunes. The work should be completed by Memorial Day at the latest.

Councilmen Jim Wood and Louis Jones were present. They asked the members to attend a budget hearing to voice your concerns. The hearing dates are listed on the City website.

Officer Reports:

Secretary Report: March 8, 2010 minutes were reviewed. **A motion to approve the minutes without comment was made by Ginnie Stover and 2nd by Empsy Munden. Motion passed unanimously.**

Treasurer's Report: Report was read. \$10,395.20 total funds in Cape Story Accounts. \$5,861.74 in the Fireworks account.

President: Empsy reported the following:

- The yard sale for a needy Cape Story family did very well. The family was surprised and very thankful for what their neighbor and neighborhood had done for them.

1st VP : Next Skipjack deadline is May 15h.

2nd VP: The VBCCO 's next meeting will be Wednesday April 14th at 7pm in the Central Library.

Committee Report Highlights:

- **Spring Fling** – Sunday May 23rd from 4-7pm in the neighborhood park. Help setting up, cooking and cleaning up is needed. Contact Todd Solomon, todd@sdcc.info if you can help.

Old Business Highlights: (Suspended due to length of Special Programs)

New Business Highlights

- VBCCO Budget Survey – Empsy read and discussed a 5 question VBCCO survey regarding the budget. It was determined that 4 of the questions were too vague and without elaborate discussion, should be voted as abstaining at the VBCCO meeting. The only question that was voted on by the CSBTS members was “Do you support requesting our City to reconvene quarterly, various members or blue ribbon task force though out the year to gather public input on the budget? CSBTS voted YES.
- Shore Drive Flags – A motion was made to allow Gary Forrest to purchase 5 flags for use on Shore Drive light poles. These flags are needed to replace damaged and missing flags. The motion was made by Diana Albis and 2nd by Empsy Munden. The motion passed unanimously.
- Next SDCC meeting – Monday May 10th at 7:30pm in Ocean Park Rescue Hall. Councilmen Jones and Wood will be there to talk about budget impacts to Shore Drive projects.

Meeting Adjourned – 9:00pm **Motion to adjourn was made by Todd Solomon, 2nd by Diana Albis and approved unanimously.**