

Minutes for the April 14th 2008 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 President Empsy Munden. 18 attendees were present.

Special Guest/Presentation/Program Highlights: Councilman Bill DeSteph distributed CDs of the City's proposed budget. He also discussed "How to question your real estate assessments". Special Program on Emergency Medical Services (EMS) was given by Susan Dollenmeyer. She demonstrated CPR and the Automated External Defibrillator (AED) machine. A 2nd presentation was given on Citizen's Emergency Response Team (CERT) program by Cookie Ketchum. City has CERT classes. Next class is June 2nd. Special classes can be set up to train civic leagues as a group.

Officer Reports:

Secretary Report: Minutes for CSBTS General Meeting of 3/10/08 were read by Todd Solomon. **A motion to approve the minutes without comment was made by Tracy Stover and 2nd by Empsy Munden. Motion approved unanimously.**

Treasurer's Report: March report was read by Dave Albis. \$11,352 total funds in Cape Story Accounts. \$569 in fireworks fund.

President's Report Highlights:

- Empsy briefly discussed "Sky Warning Training" for event planning.

1st V.P. Report/Highlights:

- Tracy reminded everyone the next Skipjack Newsletter deadline is Friday May 16th

2nd V.P. Report/Highlights:

- Diana discussed Virginia Beach Council of Civic Organizations (VBCCO) meeting. Joel Rubin hosted a panel discussion of 6 Virginia State elected officials. The Homestead exemption bill failed.

Old Business Highlights

- Sail Boats on Dunes - Consensus is to leave the boat parking "as-is". No change to City code will be pursued. Empsy will contact Dept. of Public Works Beach Ops to discuss a plan for picking up abandoned boats and boat parts. Clean-up should be tied into Clean the Bay Day (June 7th).
- 2008 Membership Drive - Discussion on removal of names from the Cape Story email list if the member doesn't pay their dues. Agreement was reached that names on the list did not have to be dues paying members. In an effort to increase membership, a suggestion was made to send out a dues form and reminder using the neighborhood watch list. The NW list has more names than the Civic List.
- Neighborhood Signs - Beech Street has is being surveyed. Kendall Street is still being looked into. A contract was signed to perform the Beech Street survey. Cost \$500.

Committee Report Highlights:

- Neighborhood Watch (NW) - Regina mentioned that a group has been going around the City breaking into unlocked cars. This is one of the most frequent crimes in Cape Story. Remember to lock your cars. The STOP sign at Bayberry St. is being replaced.
- Spring Fling - Sunday 4PM to 7PM, May 18th. Todd is chairing this event and needs help with set-up, cleanup and cooking.
- Neighborhood Beautification - Next Clean-up day was rescheduled for Sunday April 21st at 2:00pm in the Pa~. MORE VOLUNTEERS ARE NEEDED.
- Fireworks - Permanent chairperson still needed. Todd will continue for this year, but it will be the last one. Contract is signed, paperwork will be going out.

New Business Highlights

- Troop Arrival- HHD#119 planned return on April 20th or 21st. Look for email notices. Get the flags and signs ready.
- Important Meetings/Dates:
 - 1) VBCCO: Wed. May 14, 2008 at Central Library 7PM- www.vbcco.org
 - 2) Shore Drive Community Coalition -Monday April 28th, 2008 at 7:30pm Ocean Park Rescue Squad. www.sdcc.info

Meeting Adjourned - 8:55pm