

**Minutes for the May 11, 2009 Cape Story by the Sea (CSBTS) General Meeting
at the Resort Conference Hotel submitted by Todd Solomon**

Meeting Start: Called to order at 7:30 pm by President Empsy Munden. 20 attendees were present.

Special Guest / Program– David Williams from Cape Henry Shores Civic League provided updates on Kendall St & Shore Drive safety initiative. David told us City Staff is creating a committee to review and implement initiatives. Empsy & Dave will be part of this committee as well as several other residents. Councilman Bill DeSteph also attended and provided updates on the Lesner Bridge replacement and reducing the speed limit on Shore Drive from North Great Neck to First Landing State Park. Bill said the Pilot's Association threatened to move and/or sue the City if the southern alignment was chosen. Bill mentioned that he has received equal number of emails opposed to reducing the speed limit on Shore Drive. However, all of these emails believe the reduction is planned for all of Shore Drive. He suggested the CLs try to clear up this misconception.

Officer Reports:

Secretary Report: April 13th minutes were read by Todd Solomon. **A motion to approve the minutes with no comment was made by Tracey Stover and 2nd by Diana Albis. Motion approved unanimously.**

Treasurer's Report: February report was read by Dave Albis. \$13,591.66 total funds in Cape Story Accounts. \$2,859.13 in fireworks fund. 223 paid members. 228 including holiday light award winners.

President: Empsy discussed the Wave Church sign controversy. She passed out emails regarding both sides of the issue. It was decided that more information would be required (sign regulations, picture of new sign, etc.) before sending information to CSBTS email list. Clean the Bay Day is June 6th. A zone captain is still needed. Discussion and vote on Cape Story logo was deferred. A Sailtime boating event is being held on June 15th at Ocean Park Volunteer Rescue Squad Hall. Learn about boating and how to get started. Open to the public. Trash pick-up contact numbers: Beach/Bay trash 385-2593; Park trash 385-5115. Empsy also suggested placing a real estate tube at the bulletin board for the newsletters. Members liked the idea, but thought the park hoodlums would destroy or remove the newsletters.

1st VP: May 15th deadline for the Skipjack newsletter. The Acoustaholics have agreed to play the 4th of July brunch this year.

2nd VP : Virginia Beach Council of Civic Organization (VBCCO) will hold its general meeting on Wed May 13th. State reps will be there to discuss what happened in Richmond this year.

Committee Report Highlights:

- Neighborhood Watch (NW) – The Shell Station on Shore Drive was broken into at 10:00pm on Sunday May 10th. More solicitors are hitting our neighborhood. Student selling magazine subscriptions. All solicitors need a valid City peddler's license. More information on this requirement will be included in the next newsletter. It was suggested to include a photo of a valid license in the newsletter to help residents. Jim Wallace will look into this.
- Neighborhood Beautification – Last event was well attended. 11 volunteers helped and Bloom was the cleanest it has been in a long time. Next clean up is scheduled for Saturday July 11th at 10am in the park.
- Skipjack – Next deadline is Friday May 15th.
- Spring Fling – Sunday May 17th from 4-7pm in the neighborhood park. Rain date is Sunday May 24th. Volunteers needed. Cooks, Clean-up, Set-up and Free Throw coordinator. Contact Todd if interested.
- Military Liaison – Bambi Shaw is leaving Fort Story. Monica Rogers (Miller) is still our point of contact.
- Flags – Gary Forrest still needs help putting up the American flags along Shore Drive.

Old Business Highlights

- Bike Path Intersection Safety – Empsy contact the City Staff with our recommendation and is waiting for a response
- Neighborhood Signs – 2 styles of signs were shown to the group. A straw vote was taken and the dolphin design won. The designs are being given to the Bayfront Advisory Committee to take action on installing them in the median of Shore Drive.
- Lesner Bridge Replacement – City Council decided to approve the northern alignment after preliminary approval of the southern alignment. The Pilot's Association and the owner of Bubba's threatened to sue the City if the southern alignment was approved.
- Adopt-a-muster – This is a summer only event. More information will be included in the next Skipjack in hopes to gather more volunteers. A dedicated group of 10-15 people will be needed for Cape Story to support this event.

New Business Highlights

- Important Meetings/Dates:
 - VBCCO: Wed. May 13, 2009 at the Central Library. Did Richmond Hear You?. www.vbcco.org
 - BAC – Thursday May 21, 2009 at the Bayside Rec Center, 3:30pm.
 - SDCC - Shore Drive Community Coalition – Monday May 18, 2009 at 7:30PM Ocean Park fire/rescue station. Topics are Kendall street safety and Lesner Bridge Replacement, www.sdcc.info

Meeting Adjourned – 8:55pm **Motion to adjourn made by David Albis, 2nd by Todd Solomon and approved unanimously.**