

Minutes for the September 13, 2010 Cape Story by the Sea (CSBTS) General Meeting at the Resort Conference Hotel submitted by Todd Solomon

Meeting Start: Called to order at 7:30pm by President Empsy Munden. 22 attendees were present.

Special Guest / Program– Justice Rigell talked about his father Scott Rigell (R) running for Congress. His main platform is new jobs and a reduced deficit. Check out Scott's website and facebook page. **Kenny Golden (I)** also running for Congress gave us his background. 31 years in the Navy. His platform includes finish Afghanistan, make Federal Govt. smaller, support fair tax. He feels the loss of JFCOM and 2 carriers is a critical issue also.

Officer Reports:

Secretary Report: June 14, 2010 minutes were reviewed. **A motion to approve the minutes without change was made by Tracy Stover and 2nd by Tosh Coohon. Motion passed unanimously.**

Treasurer's Report: Report submitted by Dave Albis. \$16,555.45 total funds in Cape Story Accounts. \$2,862.49 in the Fireworks account. 238 members

President: Empsy and Todd briefed the potential purchase of Pleasure House Point (Indigo Dunes). Deal will cost \$13 million. \$1mil from CBF, \$5mil City, \$3mil Fed Grant, \$4mil Commercial sale or donations. Deal is not a done thing. If the \$4mil isn't obtained, the whole deal is scrapped. Empsy also mentioned an oyster gardening workshop is being taught by LRNOW. Go to www.lrnw.org for more details.

1st VP : Skipjack is out. Constitutional meeting at Central Library – Sept 15th at 6:30pm

2nd VP: No report.

Committee Report Highlights:

- Neighborhood Watch (NW) – Regina Wallace reported that there the following events took place over the summer (3 dog bag boxes vandalized, 8 mailboxes vandalized, 2 break-ins, 1 attempted home break-in, 3 bikes stolen and 1 attempted assault on the beach near the Resort Hotel). Remember, more calls equals more patrols. The attempted home break-in perpetrator was caught. Reminded to record serial numbers of electronics and bikes. Engrave items to help recover if stolen. Cape Story Civic Assoc. has an engraving tool that residents can borrow. The adopt-a-muster was a big success. Thanks to all the businesses that donated.
- Neighborhood Beautification – There was one park clean up and a couple of trail/Shore Drive clean ups during the summer. The next park clean up will be Sunday Oct 24 at 2pm. The next trail/Shore Drive clean up will be Sunday Nov. 21st at 2pm. Parks & Rec has been asked to help replace the vandalized dog bag boxes. Cape Henry Plaza is under new management. Empsy and Chris Wood met with new owner to ask for help cleaning up. New owner will also work with the adjacent homes on Beech for tree issues. The new owner is ok with parking in the back and for beach goers.
- Oyster Roast –Nov 7th, Sunday from 2-5pm. 33rd Annual. Empsy will send out email to set planning meeting. Donna from Ocean Apparel is willing to work with us on T-shirts.
- Thanksgiving and Holiday Gift Giving – If you know of any needy families in the area, email information to Empsy.
- 4th of July Fireworks and Parade – Everything went well. \$100 donated at brunch to go towards next year's show.

Old Business Highlights

- Shore Drive Safety – Dave Williams, VP SDCC, gave a brief history on the safety initiatives along Shore Drive. Dave believes the City Council is looking at changing the speed limit back to 45mph from 35mph somewhere West of North Great Neck Rd. Dave asked that everyone let Council know what they think of the new 35mph between Pleasure House and Kendall. Dave also told us about the light testing done near Cabo. The illumination was only 50% of what it should be. Additional street lights are planned for this area.
- Bat Houses – Susan Ellwell informed us that bats are dying off due to a fungal disease. She is working with the State Park to try and locate bat houses there. The Park didn't seem interested. She would like to see bat houses along the Cape Henry trail. Bats eat 1000's of mosquitoes per day. Bat houses should be installed on poles and not trees. You can buy houses for 30 or 100 bats. She is working on a website to promote this project. Guano could be a problem and would need to be cleaned up on a weekly basis.

New Business Highlights

- Virginia Beach Council of Civic Organization (VBCCO) –Next meeting will be Wed. Sept. 15th. Check out www.vbcco.org for times and details.
- Next SDCC meeting – Monday 27th at 7:30pm in Ocean Park Rescue Hall. SDCC will also be holding a City Council Candidate forum on Monday Oct. 25th at 7pm in the Cape Henry Collegiate auditorium.

Meeting Adjourned – 8:40pm **Motion to adjourn was made by David Albis, 2nd by Tracy Stover and approved unanimously.**