

Minutes for the September 14, 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. **50 attendees** were present.

Special Guest / Program– **Detective Dewberry** of the 2nd Precinct gave a very informative talk about the crimes in our neighborhood over Labor Day weekend. Nine suspects are being questioned, one adult and 8 juveniles. None of the suspects have extensive criminal histories. Two of the suspects were from our neighborhood. Eight have admitted to three house break-ins, mailbox vandalism and car window breakage. The group went on a spree including stealing beer from a 7-11 and stealing baseball bats from Cox High School. The parents were very cooperative. A new house on Maple St. sustained approximately \$20,000 - \$30,000 damage and the other had various items stolen which will likely be recovered. If any crimes from Sept 5 have not been reported, please contact Det. Dewberry at 385-2700. You can also contact Det. Dewberry for questions pertaining to the crimes in our neighborhood.

Our Crime Prevention Officer, **MPO Helen Gillespie** was also present and talked to us about solicitors. She showed us a solicitor's permit and will send us a copy for insertion in the Skipjack. Non-profit groups (school PTA, Girl Scouts) don't need a license, but have to register with the City. MPO Gillespie also mentioned that thieves were targeting GPS equipment and recommended owners hide the units from site when leaving the vehicle unattended.

Officer Reports:

Secretary Report: June 8, 2009 minutes were read by Todd Solomon. **A motion to approve the minutes with the following change "Labor" to "Memorial" was made. Motion approved unanimously.**

Treasurer's Report: Report was read by Dave Albis. \$15,195 total funds in Cape Story Accounts. \$2,860.09 in the Fireworks account. 273 members.

President: Empsy stated there is an Oct 4th, 1-5pm party at the State Park hosted by the Rotary Club. The Fort is hosting a Joint Forces golf outing that is open to residents.

1st VP & 2nd VP: No reports.

Committee Report Highlights:

- Neighborhood Watch (NW) – The next 2nd precinct Citizen's Advisory Committee meeting will be held on Wed Oct 14th at the 17th street fire station. Reminder to all, you must report crimes to get increased patrols.
- Neighborhood Beautification – Next clean up is scheduled for Sunday October 18, 2009 at 2:00pm in the park.
- Cape Story 27th Annual Oyster Roast – The oyster roast will be held on Sunday Nov. 8th. An oyster roast planning meeting will be held at Bob Spear's house on Thursday Oct. 8th at 7:30pm.
- Membership Committee – Jim Wallace suggested getting a Rolleez as a prize for next year. He will pursue this with Taylors. Jim also suggested having the drawing in May at the Spring Fling.

Old Business Highlights

- Shore Drive Safety Initiative – David Williams updated us. The speed limit survey had over 630 responses. The committee would be working with City Traffic engineers to create a final report of road data and survey results. The team will also be moving forward with other safety projects between Great Neck and the Park entrance.
- Neighborhood Signs – The Bayfront Advisory Committee is working with Cape Story on new signs. They will be single post signs placed on the side of the road and not in the median. The signs will be similar to Norfolk and will have a dolphin or live oak design. Cape Story will most likely have to pay for one of the signs. Todd will try to get a BAC member to attend our Oct or Nov meeting to discuss status.

New Business Highlights

- Sand Replenishment – Sept 15th start date. 60 days of work, 24/7. Starting at Lesner Bridge and finishing at Kendall Street.
- Lights along bike path – Mike Johnson suggested installing low level lighting along the bike path so people walking and riding at night would be safer. Mike took the lead to contact the City and Dominion Power to find out what could be done.
- Graffiti Removal Tools – Gary Forest has graffiti removal liquid and will get some to anyone that wants to use it on graffiti in the neighborhood.
- Important Meetings/Dates:
 - City Summit – Monday Oct 5th, 6:30-8:00pm at the VB convention center. Open to public.
 - VBCCO: Neighborhood Conference Sat. Oct 3rd at the central library. www.vbcco.org
 - Lynnhaven River NOW – Delegate Forum, Wed. Sept 23rd from 7-9pm at Cape Henry Collegiate.

Meeting Adjourned – 9:15pm **Motion to adjourn made by David Albis, 2nd by Todd Solomon and approved unanimously.**