

**Minutes for the September 8, 2014 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. 20 attendees were present.

Special Guest / Program – **Captain Sean Adams, 2nd Precinct**, provided a crime update for our area. He told us the 2nd Precinct focuses on making the Oceanfront safe during the summer. They placed a lot of effort into making sure the problems of the 2013 College Day didn't happen again. The majority of crimes in Cape Story are car larcenies and most of those were from cars left unlocked. He said 5 larcenies have been cleared by arrest and most are juveniles. But overall, Cape Story is a safe place.

Melissa Zibutis, CVB Office of Volunteer Resources, spoke to us about Nextdoor.com and Neighbors Helping Neighbors programs. Nextdoor.com will be used for the Neighborhood Watch Program. The City sends important updates through the site. It doesn't allow predators/sex offenders to participate. They can send post cards to neighbors at your request to invite them to register. The site may eventually have banner ads, but not email ads. It was suggested that important City links be added to site. It was also suggested that our boundaries be looked at. It appears Marina Shores Apts and The Landings are included in Cape Story.

Officer Reports:

Treasurer's Report: Report submitted by Dave Albis and accepted. \$19,574.74 total funds in Cape Story Accounts and \$3,165 in the Fireworks account.

Secretary Report: June 9, 2014 minutes were presented. **A motion to approve the minutes with no changes was made by Bill House and 2nd by Ginnie Stover. Motion passed unanimously.**

President's Report: National Take Back Drug Day – Saturday Sept. 27th from 10-2pm at 2nd Precinct.

1st VP: See Oyster Roast and J&A Racing.

2nd VP: No report.

Committees:

Beautification – Next Clean Up is planned for Saturday September 13th at 10am. Meet in the Park. Empsy will send out notice.

Skipjack Newsletter – At printers and will be distributed to Street Captains soon.

Military Liaison – A School's Supply Drive is currently being conducted. Terri will send out information on email.

Neighborhood Watch – See Captain Adams report above

July 4th Events - Fireworks donations fell \$341 short of costs. The Bayfront Advisory Committee is holding a meeting with CSBTS, Ocean Park and City Parks and Rec. to see if City can donate money to Shore Drive fireworks.

Oyster Roast – Online ticket sales up and running on Eventbrite. Kathy (648-0705) also has tickets for in-person sales.

Old Business Highlights -

Exemption from City Admission Tax – Todd will contact City Treasurer for update on change to City Code.

New Business Highlights-

Stormwater Upgrades – June 2015 is the scheduled completion time for the high tide gate at First Landing. The City also has plans to upgrade the pump at the Poinciana Station. We will need to keep an eye on this for potential impact to Civic Association shed.

J&A Racing – CSBTS has been offered the chance to supply 50 volunteers for the Shamrock race. If we support, J&A will donate \$4000 to CSBTS. Volunteers would work 8 hour shift as course monitors. More details to follow. Consensus was to pursue this possibility.

Meetings:

VBCCO – September 15th Picnic at Mt. Trashmore at 7:00pm

SDCC – September 29th at 7:30pm, Ocean Park Volunteer Rescue Squad, At-large Candidate Forum

Meeting Adjourned – 9:05pm **A motion to adjourn was made by Dave Albis and 2nd by Tracy Stover. Motion passed unanimously.**