

**Minutes for the April 9, 2018 Cape Story by the Sea (CSBTS) General Meeting
at the Resort Conference Hotel submitted by Todd Solomon**

Meeting Start: Called to order at 7:35 pm by President Diana Albis. 30 attendees were present.

Special Discussions –

Short Term Rentals (STRs) – Historic background on STRs and the City’s study and recommendations was shared. The City’s website on the topic shows a matrix of 5 possible alternatives. Vice Mayor Jones recently made a sixth which is also posted on the City’s website. All alternatives include regulations being added to city ordinances that control parking, noise, trash, and other issues. One of the big topics of discussion is if STRs should be required to apply for Conditional Use Permits (CUPs). This requirement varies among the alternatives. Attendees questioned how the City plans to enforce any new regulations. The City is looking into it, but no details have been shared. Some members heard that the City’s 311 service would be used to control complaints and inquiries. It was also asked if STRs could be sub-leased, but nobody had an answer.

Kendal/Cape Henry Trail Storm Water Project – Todd and Kathy provided an update on the Kendall St. sidewalk and Cape Henry Trail stormwater ditch project. A sidewalk is being added to the eastern side of Kendall St. A large retention swale is being dug in the City’s right of way south of the Cape Henry Trail between Kendall and Calvert. 30+ trees were cut down, but 120+ trees will be planted around the swale. The swale was oversized to allow the City to create a mitigation bank for other City projects that couldn’t meet increased capacity requirements. Lack of City notification to adjacent property owners seems to have been an issue with this project. CSBTS should learn from this for future City projects in our neighborhood.

Officer Reports:

Secretary Report: **A motion to approve the March 12, 2018 minutes without changes was made by Dick Brothers and 2nd by Cathy Sykes. The motion passed unanimously.**

Treasurer's Report: The report was presented by Mr. David Albis and accepted. \$21,199.52 total funds in Cape Story Accounts and \$3,702.97 in the Fireworks account.

1st V.P. Report: Empsy Munden reported on the following upcoming meetings: Virginia Beach Council of Civic Organizations (VBCCO) – Thu April 12th at 7:00pm – City Budget Presentation

President’s Report: Report as part of meeting.

Committees:

Beautification – CSBTS submitted paperwork to reapply for program. It was approved so we are all good again.

Skipjack Newsletter – June/Summer edition will be out soon. Send articles to Christi Lyons (nccottage@hotmail.com)

Clean the Bay Day – Event will take place on Saturday June 2nd. Cathy Sykes will be lead for our area. Meet at Sandalwood beach access at 9am.

Old Business:

Shore Drive Median – The City has run out of plants to add to our median strip. So what has been planted is the best we will get until additional funding and plants become available.

CSBTS Officers Election – New officers are needed. Please step up to be a leader or nominate a potential candidate.

New Business:

Short Term Rentals (STRs) – **A motion to “Defer an official CSBTS position statement vote on STRs to a future meeting to allow members to better inform themselves” was made by Dave Albis and 2nd by Dick Brothers. The motion passed.**

Cox HS All-Night Party – **A motion to “Support the Cox HS All-Night Party in the amount of \$100.00” was made by Tosh Cohoon and 2nd by Dick Brothers. The motion passed unanimously.**

Next CSBTS meeting will be Monday May 14, 2018.

Meeting Adjourned – 9:05pm **A motion to adjourn was made by Tosh Cohoon and 2nd by Andy Baan. Motion passed unanimously.**