

Minutes for January 27, 2014
Shore Drive Community Coalition General Meeting
submitted by Todd Solomon

Meeting Location: Ocean Park Volunteer Rescue Squad Meeting Hall

Meeting Start: Called to order at 7:30pm by David Williams. 43 attendees.

Officers Reports:

Treasurer Ann Williams – Ann presented the treasurer's report which showed Main Account Balances \$6,088.75 Special Accounts \$1,527.55.

Secretary Todd Solomon – Nov. 25, 2013 minutes distributed. **A motion to approve with no changes was made by Empsy Munder and 2nd by Marty Schuman. The motion passed unanimously.**

Vice President Rick Mercadante – Ocean Park Civic League was asked to stop their committee review of zoning variances. OPCL is asking residents if they want to keep the review committee.

President David Williams – David introduced the special presentation speaker.

Special Presentation:

Christopher J. Wojtowicz, City of Virginia Beach Project Manager, provided a powerpoint presentation on the Lesner Bridge replacement project. Chris will provide a copy of the presentation for the SDCC website. Chris can be contacted at 385-5785 or CWojtowicz@vb.gov. Here are some of the highlights Chris mentioned:

- The first stage of construction will build a new westbound span north of the existing 2 bridges. Pedestrian will only be allowed to use the old eastbound bridge during this phase.
- When the new westbound span is finished, all 4 lanes of traffic will be rerouted to it. At this time, pedestrian foot traffic will be prohibited. Bicycle traffic will be allowed, but there will be no shoulder space for them, they will have to use a vehicle lane.
- After traffic is rerouted, both old spans will be removed and the new eastbound span will be constructed south of the new westbound span. When completed, the 2 lanes of eastbound traffic will be rerouted and the roads striped for final dimensions.
- The new spans will have 10+ feet more height clearance under the bridge for boats. Boat travel will not be restricted during construction.
- The new bridges have hollow cavity space for utilities. The Dominion power high voltage lines can be installed and will not cause excessive heat, but Dominion says it is too costly.
- Pedestrian beach access will remain the same as it is now, only on the western side from the boat ramp to Ocean Park beach.
- The project will place more sand on the Ocean Park beach.
- The contract requires and the contractor is being paid to remove the temporary bulkhead installed on the east side of the crab creek spoils area. The City would have to file a permit and have it approved by VMRC to leave the bulkhead in place. The City would also lose the money it paid to have it removed.
- The eastern landing site will have no impact to the Cape Henry Towers green space at the intersection of Shore Drive and Page Ave.
- There was a problem with the lowest bid and it was tossed out. This has delayed the start of the project until April/May of 2014.
- The Shore Drive Safety Improvements project between Vista Circle and Great Neck Rd. has been rescheduled to start after the completion of the Lesner Bridge. This will prevent excessive traffic delays.
- The City will have a project inspector dedicated to this project the entire time.

Old Business: N/A

New Business: N/A

Next SDCC General Meeting - February 24, 2014 at OPVRS at 7:30pm.

Meeting Adjourned – 8:43pm **Motion to adjourn made by Empsy Munden and 2nd by Todd Solomon. Motion passed unanimously.**