

Minutes for the January 29, 2013 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. 26 attendees.

Special Presentation - None

Officers Reports:

President David Williams – Introduction of new 2013 Officers, Ryan King – Treasurer and Rick Mercadante - VP

Treasurer Carol Collins – Total balance \$5,813 Special Accounts balance \$1,561. 23 paid members for 2012. 2013 Dues Notices will be going out soon.

Secretary Todd Solomon –December 17, 2012 minutes distributed. **A motion to approve with no changes was made by Wally Damon and 2nd by Penny Brown. The motion passed unanimously.**

Old Business:

Bayfront Advisory Committee Update – At the Jan BAC meeting, City Staff presented information regarding Shore Drive Phase III, Shore Drive East Stormwater Project, the Lesner Bridge Replacement and FEMA regulations. Details can be found at www.vbgov.com/BayFront

Bayfront Sand Replenishment – Dave Hansen, City Deputy Manager, explained that Councilmen Wood and Jones included a request in the City's Legislative Package asking for the State to expedite off shore sand deposits for use with hydraulic replenishment of Bayfront beaches. Mr. Hansen also stated that the Beaches and Waterways Advisory Commission would be tasked with gathering public input on funding options for this project. Local tax district, Citywide tax increase, Reallocation from existing budget, State funding, etc. Timing for these public discussion was unknown.

New Business:

Oceanfront Development Concerns – Dave discussed the Oceanfront SGA and Form Design Plan for 5 story building made of wood and not steel. Dave was concerned that the design codes for this construction would not meet hurricane prevention requirements.

Citizen Positions on Large Projects – Sports Arena and 25th Street Parking Lot Development – Dave asked, What should be the citizens part in these projects? How do citizens voice their opinions and who do they go to? Is City Council being responsible? What role should VBCCO play?

Senate Bill 926 – Proposed by Councilmen Wood and Jones and included in the City's Legislative Package. City Staff requested a modification to the Wetlands Board ordinance to eliminate the need for any City dredging project from having to go before the local VB Wetlands Board. Chris Moore, CBF, explained that the City could partner with a developer to exempt projects. Review would be at VMRC only. CBF and Lynnhaven River Now are opposed to wording of the requested change. They recommend contacting the City Manager to stop. Others suggested contacting the State AG Committee and Sen. Jeff McWaters the patron of the bill. Those in attendance supported keeping review of local projects at the VB Wetlands Board level.

Chesapeake Bay Foundation Volunteer Day – CBF is asking volunteers to help relocate trees, bushes and plants from the building site at Pleasure House Point. Saturday Feb. 9, 2013 from 8am to 11am.

Bayfront Advisory Committee Meeting – Thursday February 21, 2013 at 3:30pm VB Resort Hotel.

SDCC General Meeting - February 25, 2013 at OPVRS at 7:30pm.

Meeting Adjourned – 8:51pm **Motion to adjourn made by Andy Barnett and 2nd by Wally Damon. Motion passed unanimously.**