

Minutes for October 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 7:35 pm by David Williams. 40 attendees.

Officers Reports:

Treasurer Paulette Hruska – Checking=\$6,570.75 and Special Accounts=\$1,527.55 SDCC has 22 paid members for 2014.

Secretary Todd Solomon – September 29, 2014 minutes distributed. **A motion to approve minutes with changing “They” to “The” was made by Empsy Munden and 2nd by David Williams. The motion passed unanimously.**

Vice President Rick Mercadante – Not present.

President David Williams – David suspended normal business meeting to move into Special Presentation.

Special Presentations: Christopher J. Wojtowicz, P.E, Project Manager for the City of Virginia Beach, provided an update of the Lesner Bridge replacement project. Chris explained lane closure rules: April-Sept, nighttime only 9pm to 5am. Oct.-May, daytime 9am to 3pm and nighttime hours. Current pedestrian crossing only on eastbound side. Pedestrian access will moved to the new westbound bridge and will be 4 ft. wide and have concrete barriers separating it from cars. The bulkhead at the Boat Ramp is listed as temporary on the Army Corps permit and cannot remain without changing the permit and receiving approval. The bulkhead is 360 ft. long to allow a barge + tender to tie up. The bulkhead is scheduled to be removed 2017 Q2. The estimated cost to remove the bulkhead is \$500k. Virginia Natural Gas has removed their lines from old bridge and relocated new pipes 86 feet under the inlet. Dominion Power is replacing their transmission poles located south of the bridge. Larger mono poles are being installed. Under grounding was considered too expensive for DP to accomplish. Chris suggested we talk to the Phase III project engineer regarding the impact to trees at Bay Vista intersection. He said the bridge project will not impact that area. Chris stated that construction vibration will not adversely impact adjacent building foundations. The City has set up and monitors seismographs to protect buildings. The new westbound bridge is scheduled to be finished December 2015. At which point all traffic will be routed to it and while the old bridges are torn down. The speed bump in front of Starbucks will be fixed as part of the watermain replacement work this fall. Chris was asked if the City or contractor is responsible for cost overruns. He stated it depends on the situation. Improper engineering is contractor. Unforeseen conditions usually Fed/State/City costs. Chris stated that each bridge support and its surrounding fender system is engineered to take a direct hit from a barge.

Mr. Steven Bishard presented his plans for development of the old Baylake Pines school property. The land is about 8 acres and zoned R7.5 which allows 28 units by right. Mr. Bishard is asking for a PDH overlay change in zoning to allow 35 single family units and a Sentara walk-in clinic. There will be two entrances to the development off of Shore Drive. One crosses the median the other would require a “U” turn heading eastbound. Traffic light not ruled out yet, City traffic is still evaluating. One acre of open space. Lake front lots will have ability to have piers, but no community boat slips. Units will be 2500-3000 sqft and priced \$400k-\$600k. Proffers will be added to require upgraded building materials. Three foot free board levels will also be evaluated.

Old Business: None

New Business: Mr. Wally Damon gave a presentation on a possible new name for the new bridge over the inlet. Wally suggested the new bridge be called the “Admiral Jeremiah Denton Jr. Memorial Bridge”. Wally told us about Admiral Denton’s history and explained that Chesapeake Beach Civic League had unanimously endorsed this effort. The Admiral’s Grandson was present and spoke. A Facebook page has been set up for this effort. “The Admiral Jeremiah A. Denton Jr. Memorial Bridge”

2015 VB Comprehensive Plan – Todd asked everyone to attend the upcoming information session on Thursday Nov. 13th at 7pm at John B Dey Elementary. Information will be posted at www.sdcc.info

Next SDCC General Meeting – Monday November 24, 2014 at 7:30pm in the Ocean Park Volunteer Rescue Squad Hall.

Meeting Adjourned –8:55pm **Motion to adjourn made by Empsy Munden and 2nd by Ann Williams. Motion passed unanimously.**