

Minutes from February 23, 2015
Presented 30 March 2015
Shore Drive Community Coalition General Meeting
Submitted by David Williams

Meeting Location: Ocean Park Volunteer Rescue Squad Meeting Hall
Meeting Start: Called to order at 7:35 pm by Todd Solomon. 17 attendees.

Special Guests: Whitney McNamara, VB Office of Environmental Sustainability
Steven Bouchard, local developer

Special Presentations:

Sand Dune Signs Along Beach. Ms. Whitney McNamara from the city's Environment and Sustainability Office discussed the proposed new signs for the sand dunes areas. She explained that the signs will provide information of the dune's important environmental functions, and the city's ordinances concerning those dunes. The new signs are expected to be put in place this summer and will cost about \$400-800 each. The city is seeking sponsors to help defray the costs. The city expects to place approximately 134 signs in high foot traffic areas and at each beach entry point. Signs will not be needed along the oceanfront. Some civic groups have already placed signs in their areas ((Croatan)).

Baylake Pines Development. Mr. Steven Bishard of Bishard Homes briefed those gathered on his proposed plan for developing approximately 31-37 homes (if and as proffered) on what is now the Bay Lake Pines School area along Shore Drive. Under the current zoning, there will be less than 5 units per acre. Homes will be single family on slab construction with 2 car garages. Parking will also be permitted on one side of the road. All houses will have a porch, brick skirts, Hardie Plank siding and upscale features. Base floor elevation of 12-13 ft, which should be 2-3 feet above BFE (note: elevation above Base Flood Elevation (BFE), sufficient for current flood mitigation and National Flood Insurance Policy considerations. Home units will cost in the \$400,000-\$600,000 range.

Along with the proposed residential construction, a 6500 sq. ft. medical office building bordering on Shore Drive is planned. Other development area features include; 18,000 ft of open space maintained under contract, sidewalks along Shore Drive, no community boat ramp or dock on Lake Joyce, although some owners will be able to put in docks on their waterfront property.

Officers' Reports:

Treasurer Kathy Pawlak - Not present. Report submitted by previous Treasurer Ann Williams. Ending balance as of 2/23/15 checking \$6,583.75, Special projects \$1,527.55.

Secretary David Williams - Minutes from January 2014 approved with no corrections.

Vice President Wally Damon - Comments contained in the special presentation report.

President Todd Solomon - Comments contained in the special presentation report.

Old Business:

Bishard Homes - VP Damon stated that Bishard Homes recently briefed BAC and will brief Bay Lake Pines Civic Association tonight (23 FEB) on their proposed project. Mr. Bishard will be going before the BZA to get the required zoning changes. Present site

plan has no turn-off lane into the development, or an acceleration lane exiting. He is considering various options to not create traffic issues along Shore Drive.

Admission Tax – Pres. Solomon stated that both BAC and the City have been asked to support the elimination of the Admissions Tax, which is 10% of the attendance tickets for civic events. Admissions Tax hinders non-profit civic associations' fund raising efforts. VBCCO and other civic associations have also requested the change. The requested ordinance change must go before the City Council for approval.

Safety Issues - Pres. Solomon briefed several Shore Drive CIP's (Capital Improvement Projects) intended to improve storm water runoff, drainage in neighborhoods, and road safety. A comment from a member indicated that the stop light at Shore Drive and Vista Circle near Starbucks cannot be easily seen while heading westbound. To help address such issues, the city has started an "app" "VBWorks" which can be downloaded from the VBGov.Com Public Works site to report potholes, street lights out, and other safety issues. The irritating "speed bump" while eastbound on Shore Drive at Vista Circle will remain there until the Lesner Bridge is completed and the roadway is repaved.

Crosswalk Safety Issues Sec. Williams reported that in discussions with Mr. Mike Shasiah, senior Traffic Engineer for the city, that he was disappointed that the change to improve the state's Crosswalk laws did not make it out of the Assembly Committee. The city will probably resubmit again next year.

Storm Water Issues – The storm water measures (automatic back-gates, and sluices, for many Shore Drive neighborhoods that were to be completed in 2014 are delayed until July 2015. City Council is expected to approve the FEMA grant of \$2.1M to elevate 8 homes in Lynnhaven Colony (6 on Lynnhaven Drive). FEMA paid 90% and the owners paid 10% of the costs.

New Business – no new business was presented.

Next SDCC General Meeting – Monday, 30 March 2015 at 7:30 pm in the Ocean Park Volunteer Rescue Squad Hall.

Meeting Adjourned – 9:10 pm Motion to adjourn was made by Empsy Munden, and 2nd by Judy Bland. The Motion passed unanimously.