

**Minutes for February 24, 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. 17 attendees. Dave acknowledged Councilman Brad Martin, At-Large, in attendance.

Officers Reports:

**Treasurer Ann Williams** – Ann presented the treasurer’s report which showed Main Account Balances \$6,138.75 Special Accounts \$1,527.55. Membership dues notices (\$25) were sent on 2/21/14. 4 members for 2014.

**Secretary Todd Solomon** –January 24, 2014 minutes distributed. **A motion to approve with no changes was made by Marty Schuman and 2<sup>nd</sup> by Empsy Munden. The motion passed unanimously.**

**Vice President Rick Mercadante** – Rick reported that there will be two fireworks fundraising events for the show west of the Lesner Bridge. The events will be at Leaping Lizard and Froggie’s. Rick mentioned a dog attacked and killed another dog on the Ocean Park beach. The attacking dog’s owner was ticketed and is being taken to court. OPCL was going to discuss the lease law at a future meeting. Current rule is No dogs on beach between Memorial Day and Labor Day during hours of 10am to 6pm. All other times dogs are allowed on the beach without a leash.

**President David Williams** – Dave’s updates are included in Old and New Business sections.

Old Business:

**FEMA National Flood Insurance Program (NFIP)** – Max payments for flood insurance are \$250k structure and \$100k contents. The program has been run into bankruptcy. Premiums are being increased to help revive program. SDCC website has a lot of information on the changes. Residents have until May 2014 to contest the new FEMA maps that are out for review on vbgov.com. Shore Drive neighborhoods could have a lot of homes impacted by the changes.

**City Neighborhood Dredging Program** – We haven’t heard anything from the City regarding the status of proposed dredge transfer stations in our area. The Maple Street site was moved to the City property behind O’Leary’s, however it sounds like that site has also be eliminated. The site at the Lesner Bridge boat ramp is still in limbo until after the bridge replacement. It was suggested we get updates and ask the City to move forward with only having 3 sites (West, East Branches and Linkhorn Bay area), this would be enough to support the program and would match what SDCC initially suggested. Dave and Todd agreed to start working on this.

New Business:

**Bayfront Advisory Committee (BAC) meeting report** – Dave told us that BAC talked about renaming the Lesner Bridge. The Commonwealth Transportation Board holds the naming rights. OP Facebook page showed overwhelming support to keep the Lesner name. Maybe there is a way SDCC and BAC can partner to send out an online survey. Dave will pursue. BAC is still working on creating a neighborhood sign program. Something similar to what Norfolk does for their neighborhoods would be the goal.

**Virginia Beach Council of Civic Organizations (VBCCO)** – A parking issues presentation was made to discuss issues at the oceanfront and town center. No taxes are used to pay for parking meters. The City collected parking fees of \$640k in 2009 and \$520k in 2013. No studies have been done on the decline.

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

Meeting Adjourned – 8:40pm **Motion to adjourn made by Empsy Munden and 2<sup>nd</sup> by Todd Solomon. Motion passed unanimously.**