

**Minutes for the February 25, 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. 18 attendees.

Special Guest – Del. Chris Stolle was in attendance. Del. Stolle took a moment to discuss the results of the most recent General Assembly session. The Assembly passed a historic transportation funding measure. The State gas tax will be replaced with a % tax at the wholesale level, an increase in the State sales tax (1% increase in Hampton Roads). The average increase per household will be about \$120 per year. Extra sales tax in Hampton Roads will stay here. Del. Stolle's sand replenishment study bill was passed. This will help expedite studies of sand deposits off Cape Henry beaches to be used for sources of hydraulic replenishment projects from Chics Beach to First Landing State Park.

Special Presentation - David Williams – Neighborhood Crime Issues and Virginia Self Defense Laws. Dave contacted 2<sup>nd</sup> precinct officers to attend, but none could attend. Two recent incidents in the Shore Drive area were discussed. A Cape Henry home break-in and a threatening confrontation in the Landings. Dave provided a handout giving a brief description of VA Self Defense Laws. Dave discussed Definitions of Self-Defense, Justifiable and Excusable Defense, Right to Arm and Defense of Property. It was suggested that Dave contact the Captain of the 3<sup>rd</sup> Precinct. The Capt. had offered to attend civic meetings.

Officers Reports:

**President David Williams** – Dave's report was his presentation.

**Vice President Rick Mercadante** – Rick reminded everyone to check out the new SDCC.info website and newsletter options.

**Treasurer Ryan King** – Not present, no report. Balances from last month \$5,813 Special Accounts \$1,561.

**Secretary Todd Solomon** – January 29, 2013 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.**

Old Business:

**Senate Bill 926** – After hearing opposition from over 1500 residents, Senator McWaters withdrew the bill that was proposed by City Staff and endorsed by Councilmen Wood and Jones. Thank you to all for acting so quickly on this issue. SDCC has asked the City to be part of any future discussions regarding changes to the Local Wetlands Board authority and process.

**Marlin Bay Drive Extension** – Attendees provided updates that lot development and road extension were not being pursued.

New Business:

**Development next to Croakers** – The consignment store next to Croakers is being torn down for a condo complex. The live oaks on the site are all being cut down.

**Osprey Beach Condos Beach Access** – The beach access from the condos has been washed away with Sandy. The access is partially on the public easement. Will the City repair/replace and if so, who is the contact? Public Works Phillip Koetter (d) 757.385.1483 (c) 757.615.5826 or Phil Roehrs 385-4131.

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

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

Meeting Adjourned – 8:43pm **Motion to adjourn made by Empsy Munden and 2<sup>nd</sup> by Marty Schuman. Motion passed unanimously.**