

Minutes for the April 25, 2011 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 7:32 pm by David Williams. 20 attendees.

Special Presentation: **Wayne Wilcox**, City Planner – CVB Bikeways and Trails. Wayne explained the history of the planning process. Public comments covered many issues. Some of the most common were VB is not bike friendly, Existing bike trails lack connectivity, Lack of sharing the road understanding, Funding is always hard to acquire. City Council's vision is a City where citizens can walk, run, ride anywhere safely, efficiently and enjoyably. The goals of the plan can be summarized by the 5 "E's – Education, Encouragement, Enforcement, Evaluation, Engineering. The goal is to have a bike friendly community by 2017. Enforcement is looking into changing State/Local traffic laws. The Engineering goal is the biggest. Virginia Beach would like to implement "Complete Streets" policy.

Q1. What are the City's top priorities? A1. Some of the top priorities in the plan are adding bike lanes along Shore Drive from Kendall to Atlantic Ave. The City has applied for grant \$1million to make this happen. The road shoulders will be extended and the bike lanes will go on the outside of the rumble strips. Eastbound lanes first then Westbound.

Q2. Can the City add "Share the Road" signs? A2. Yes. **Q3. Can the City add bike racks at public parks and public facilities?** A3. Yes on public areas, No on private. **Q4. When will the Plan be approved?** A4. City Council scheduled to vote on Plan 4/26/11. **Q5. Is VDOT responsible for bicycle laws?** A5. VDOT passes on requested changes to Federal Highway Administration for approvals. **Q6. Is VB working on adopting a Complete Streets policy?** A6. Yes, but it hasn't really started. Jeryl Phillip, Comprehensive Planning, is in charge of this initiative. **Q7. Who is responsible for maintenance of on street bike lanes and is the cost built into the plans?** A7. This is a problem in the City. No clear owner is identified so the planning and maintenance are neglected. **Q8.**

What is the policy for City vehicles on the bike paths? More attention needs to be paid. A8. City vehicles may need to use the paths to access areas that need maintenance. However, they shouldn't be using them for general driving.

Officers Reports:

President David Williams – Visit www.longcreekwetlands.com to sign the petition opposed to permanent dredge transfer station at Marina Shores and for more information on the project. What rights do the citizens have on this site? Residents are upset as shown by attendance at recent meetings(SDCC-80, Cape Story-80, Broad Bay-130). Still no response from City Council for dialogue. 1200 trucks will be needed from the Robinhood Forest project alone. BAC was asked if they thought the \$400k donation from the Marina owner was appropriate. No response from BAC. BAC has taken no position on the project.

Vice President Tom Cantwell – No updates.

Treasurer Carol Collins – Total balance \$7,619 (\$5,987 Checking + \$1,632 Special Projects).

Secretary Todd Solomon – March 28, 2011 minutes were handed out. **Motion to approve minutes with no changes was made by Tom Cantwell and 2nd by Empsy Munden. Motion passed unanimously.**

Old Business:

VBCCO Wetlands Position Statement – Empsy Munden read the recently approved VBCCO wetlands statement requested by Cape Story and SDCC.

Marina Shores Permanent Dredge Transfer Station – David Williams and Dan Creedon will work on an SDCC position statement to be presented and voted on at the May SDCC meeting. Statement will be emailed out prior to meeting.

New Business:

VA Hurricane Sales Tax Holiday – May 25 to May 31.

Monday May 23 – Next SDCC general meeting. NOTE one week early due to Memorial Day.

Meeting Adjourned – 9:20pm **Motion made by Dan Creedon and 2nd by Todd Solomon. Approved unanimously.**