

Minutes from 18 May 2015
Presented June 29, 2015
Shore Drive Community Coalition General Meeting
Submitted by David Williams

Meeting location: Ocean Park Volunteer Rescue Squad Station Meeting Hall
Meeting start: Called to order at 7:35 by President Todd Solomon.
Total of 17 attendees.

Special guest: no one scheduled.

Officers' reports:

Secretary David Williams submitted the minutes from the 18 May SDCC meeting. A motion to approve was submitted by Doug Norris with two administrative corrections; spelling of Tim Solanic's name and spelling of Ghent area of Norfolk. 2nd by Joe Avalone. Minutes approved unanimously.

Treasurer Kathy Pawlak submitted her report- ending balance Checking \$7,058.75, Special Projects \$1,527.55. Total memberships paid 21 as of 18 May.

VP Wally Damon was out of town.

Pres. Todd Solomon discussed resident property tax relief on personal vehicles by going to the drive through located near city hall. By presenting specifics about the vehicle (high mileage, wear and tear, etc.) the city may reduce your taxed amount.

Old business-

Bay Lakes Project. John Borum, Pres. Of Bay Lakes Civic league discussed the proposed development in Bay Lakes. He has had discussions with the developer about potential safety issues for traffic entering and exiting the area. He stated that the proposed development had started with a proposed 43 homes a year ago and that it is now approximately 30 single-family homes. He believes that these will be quality construction with upscale features, siding of Hardie Plank, and off-street parking. There will be a median cut constructed on Shore Drive to ease entering and exiting. The 8 units constructed on Lake Joyce will have private docks without ramps if wanted by the owners. Open space will be fenced and not open to the public. Lighting in the dock and pier areas will be limited to 100 watts each light and each light no more than 6 inches in height. Only these 8 homes will have access to Lake Joyce. Home prices should range from \$450k-\$500k, possibly up to \$700,000. The resident's seem to be content with the proposed development, but have not seen the plan renderings yet. The plan layout was to be submitted to the city by 2 June.

John stated that there will be no multi-family homes and 15% of the area will be open space, not including the storm water areas. He believes that the civic league has accomplished its goals.

Lesner Bridge Construction. Todd discussed vehicles parking right up to the NJ barriers during the weekend, making it unsafe for pedestrians. This issue has been submitted to city. Some residents have expressed concerns as to if the bridge will be completed by the June 2017 completion date, as work did not appear to be moving particularly fast. The project engineer is currently trying to fill 25 more positions and is working on weekends in some areas. He is confident that the projected completion date will be met.

New Business.

Live oak issue. Todd, Wally and David met with the city arborist to discuss the two live oak trees recently removed. Todd asked about the city's policy on these trees and if there was a way to save more of them. Todd believes that tree preservation could be tied to the proffers submitted or required from builders. The city will investigate options. Penny Mollis from Friends of Live Oaks group said she has the ordinance information to help support the city's efforts.

Community Rating System (CRS). Clay Bernick from the city's Sustainability office discussed the CRS program with Todd and said a position paper was being submitted to the City Manager's office to be forwarded to the City Council for their consideration and vote to support or not. A motion was presented by Joe Avalon to draft a letter from SDCC to City Council to pursue the CRS program to enable residents who have National Flood Insurance to receive reductions in their premiums. The motion was 2nd by Doug Norris and unanimously approved by those present.

City's Comprehensive Plan update. Status of update unknown. No response to the emails to Planning Department concerning status yet. David explained that the update should be extensive to address some of the major projects that the city is undertaking including the Light Rail extension into VB and possible extensions east, transportation studies, and hurricane preparedness.

July 4th Celebrations. Fund raising is underway to support the two shows that normally occur along Shore Drive; one east and one west of the Lesner Bridge. Todd commented that the western side has established fund raising programs while the eastern side does not.

Next SDCC General Meeting, Monday 29 June 2015 at 7:30 pm in the Ocean Park Volunteer Rescue Squad Hall.

Meeting Adjourned- 9:10 pm. Motion to adjourn was made by Joe Avalone and 2nd by Tim Solanic.