

Minutes for the June 24, 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. 45 attendees.

Officers Reports:

President David Williams – Report time deferred to presentation.

Vice President Rick Mercadante – Report time deferred to presentation.

Treasurer Ann Williams – Submitted by Ann and read by David Williams. Main Account Balances \$6,041.73 Special Accounts \$1,527.55. 9 paid members for 2013

Secretary Todd Solomon – May 20, 2013 minutes distributed. **A motion to approve with no changes was made by Empsy Munden and 2nd by Marty Schuman. The motion passed unanimously.**

Special Presentation – City of Virginia Beach(CVB) Public Works(PW) presented the short term stormwater improvements for areas east of the Lesner Bridge. City staff present included Deputy City Manager Dave Hansen, John Fowler, Phil Roehrs, Mike Mundy and Mark Johnson. City Councilman Jim Wood (cell 675-0777) was also present. Mr. Hansen explained that this presentation was the same as the one just given to the Bayfront Advisory Committee on June 20th. The presentation can be found at the City website

<http://www.vbgov.com/government/departments/public-works/storm-water/pages/east-shore-drainage-impvts.aspx> Mr. Hansen explained that this was the first of two planned briefings. This one explains the short term solutions and the next briefing toward the end of 2013 will discuss the long term \$80 million solutions. The short term solutions include back flow devices, sluice gates and other mechanical options that don't include pumps. The main focus for improvements is along the Cape Henry ditch in Cape Story and Lynnhaven Colony neighborhoods. The high end automated solutions will cost approximately \$1.2 million and could help about properties from "Flooding" and "Nuisance Ponding". The City considers "Flooding" when water enters the living space of a home. "Nuisance Ponding" is impassable water on roadways, water in garages and water under homes that can damage insulation and HVAC systems. The City partnered with Kimley-Horn to produce the study that assumed a worst case high tide of 4 feet. This resulted in flooding of 5 homes, 15 garages and 570 feet of roadway. At the request of SDCC, the City will also analyze the impact at a 5 foot high tide which is the more likely over land impact height for our area. This new height will increase the number of impacted homes, garages and streets that would be protected. After the presentation, a question and answer session was held.

Q1 – How does the City plan to address Westminster-Canterbury? A1 – Too large to raise. WC needs to have an evacuation plan. You have to assume emergency vehicle access won't be possible.

Q2 – Does the City plan to reduce the estimated Sea Level Rise (SLR) level? A2 – No. The plan is to reduce impacts but use the estimated levels. A home raising program is a possibility. It could save money in the long run.

Q3 – What are the City's plans to fix the rainfall flooding on Sea Shell Road? A3 – No solutions in the short term \$1.2 million plan. Maybe in the long term \$80 million plan, but it may take private funding to connect to public pipes.

Q4 – Will lack of flood insurance cause a problem if no plan is done? A4 – Raising homes or large long term project may help homes physically, but probably no impact to insurance rates or ability to purchase in future.

Q5 – What are the plans to fix rainfall flooding on Calvert St north of Shore Drive? A5 – This will definitely be addressed as part of the long term large \$80 million project. But if large project doesn't happen, a short term solution will be created.

Q6 – Is the City taking a City-wide approach to finding solutions for SLR? A6 – Not yet. But a City and regional approach is needed. Various boards, committees and zoning will need to be included as well as citizen input.

Q7 – What happens next with the short term \$1.2 million solutions and how can SDCC help? A7 – The solutions will be presented to City Council for a vote and if approved they will be designed and constructed. Dave Hansen said City staff will recommend approval and Councilman Wood also stated his support.

SDCC General Meeting - July 29, 2013 at OPVRS at 7:30pm

Meeting Adjourned – 9:06pm **Motion to adjourn made by Andy Barnett and 2nd by Penny Brown. Motion passed unanimously.**