

Minutes for the July 30, 2012 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 7:35 pm by David Williams. 30 attendees.

Special Presentation - VA State Delegate Chris Stolle, 83rd District

Special Guests in attendance – Bill Dale – City Council Candidate Kempsville; Rosemary Wilson – City Council Member At-large; Kenny Golden – City Council Candidate At-large; Chuck Smith-City Council Candidate Kempsville

Officers Reports:

President David Williams – Dave identified that Grace Moran has agreed to fill the open position of Vice President position.

Vice President – A motion to vote Grace into the vacant VP spot was made by Penny Brown and 2nd by Empsy Munden. The vote passed unanimously. Thank you Grace for volunteering.

Treasurer Carol Collins – Total balance \$6,111. Special Accounts balance \$1,562. 18 members.

Secretary Todd Solomon – April, May and June minutes were presented. **A motion to approve all 3 months without changes was made by Empsy Munden and 2nd by Andy Barnett. The motion passed unanimously.**

Del. Stolle Question and Answer Session –

Del. Stolle led off with some need-to-know items: His personal experience in Richmond has been a positive one; VA is the best managed State in US; 3rd year in a row for a budget surplus; VA is the best higher Ed state; VA is 3rd in Econ Development which is down from 1st. Poor transportation was the main reason for the drop.

Q1: How will the State handle the 2014 Clean up requirements for the Chesapeake Bay? A1: There were concerns over the initial computer model. The costs for the clean-up will be a problem. \$8 billion over 15 years. \$500 million per year. The money will have to come from somewhere and without tax increases, will citizens approve reductions in education, Medicaid or transportation?

Q2: What is your position on Uranium Mining and removal of the ban? A2: Ken is not really concerned about safety issues. He will not support mining if the citizens are opposed to it. Control of tailings is the big concern. The benefits have to outweigh the risks.

Q3: How can the community coalition get to Chris to make a difference in education, transportation and healthcare issues? A3: Call him and he will attend our civic meetings.

Q4: How will a reduction in defense spending impact Virginia (est. \$600billion reduction)? A4: VA will be hurt. VA is putting some money aside as required by the Fed Act Contingency Fund for rainy days such as this, but it will only be a small help.

Q5: What would be the methods to address transportation shortfall for Hampton Roads? A5: More money will need to be added by State. How to add money is the question. A gas tax isn't necessarily the best option. HR is a donor region and much of our tax money is given to other parts of the state. A regional sales tax is probably the best option. A lock box is also needed. Future port profits should also be an option. The General Assembly needs to work on improving the funding formula.

Q6: How do we fix the Hampton Roads evacuation plan? A6: 460 improvements will take care of it. 4 new lanes will create a total of 8 lanes for evacuation.

Q7: What happens after the Sea Level rise study? A7: The abatement issues study included Norfolk, Virginia Beach, Eastern Shore, Fairfax and Loudon County. The completed study will go to the Army Corp of Engineers for a Federal grant.

New Business:

Pleasure House Point – Clean up on Saturday August 4th from 7-11am; Dedication Ceremony Friday October 12. Lynnhaven River Now Fall Festival Saturday October 13.

Private Dredging at Maple Street – Was the current barge accident related to a public or private dredging operation? Are there any updates to Maple Street operations? Get facts and post on SDCC.info

Next SDCC General Meeting September 24, 2012 at OPVRS at 7:30pm.

Meeting Adjourned – 8:45pm **Motion to adjourn made by Grace Moran and 2nd by Todd Solomon. Motion passed unanimously.**