

Minutes for the August 26, 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 7:35pm by David Williams. 28 attendees.

Special Guest Identification: Mr. Bill Fleming – Candidate for 82nd District VA House of Delegates was in attendance and told us a little about himself.

Special Presentation – Ms. Barbara Duke, Senior Planner with Virginia Beach Parks & Rec. presented an update of Pleasure House Point (PHP) and its upcoming Management Plan. Ms. Duke provided the following details.

History - It's been one year since the purchase of PHP; A trail network with signs has been established; Most visitors are using the site properly; The Chesapeake Bay Foundation (CBF) building construction has begun and scheduled for completion Summer 2014; 2012 Stakeholder group created the PHP Master Plan. This Master Plan was adopted and used for guidance by the PHP management group.

PHP Management Group - In Oct 2012 a PHP management group was created. This is a requirement of the conservation easement. The group is made up of City Staff. They meet every other month to manage the habitats and wetlands and determine priorities. Meetings not open to the public. A City funded hydrology study of the site is the first suggested action from the PHP management group. The study is proposed for 2014. Based on the study results, additional trails and their locations would be planned. The berm trail will stay intact with some breeches created to allow more wetlands. The PHP management group is creating a management plan which will be placed on the City's website for citizen comments.

Additional Actions - Fish and wildlife agencies are concerned about feral cats on PHP. A small animal survey will be conducted. Homeowners will be notified to keep their pets indoors during this collection survey. A handicapped accessible trail is being planned. A sidewalk will be added to Marlin Bay Drive. A kayak pier is 3-5 years away and may not be needed based on hydrology study and CBF partnership of their launch. No plans for a dog park, they are not allowed on conservation easement land. Plan to continue educational use of property.

Questions and Answers – Q1) Will Marlin Bay Drive be extended? A1) No, there are no plans at the City for extending the road in this right of way. Q2) Could ODU or other college perform the hydrology study to save money? A2) Maybe, the management group will evaluate this possibility. Q3) What type of material will be used for handicap trail? A3) Not wood, probably TREX type plastic to minimize maintenance/repairs.

Officers Reports:

Treasurer Ann Williams – Submitted by Ann and read by David Williams. Main Account Balances \$6,081.75 Special Accounts \$1,527.55. 18 paid members for 2013

Secretary Todd Solomon – July 29, 2013 minutes distributed. **A motion to approve with deleting a sentence under Old Duck-In (They...permit.) by Nils Bahringer and 2nd by Penny Brown. The motion passed unanimously.**

Vice President Rick Mercadante – Updates contained in Old/New Business discussion.

President David Williams – Updates contained in Old/New Business discussion.

New Business:

Neighborhood Dredging Project – Dave discussed the recent VA Pilot article regarding Chesapeake Colony vote for special service district tax. Exclusion of some homes to reach the 80% needed for tax. We are still unclear how the work plan will be created and approved. Will public comment be allowed and when will the transfer areas associated with these projects be decided?

Chesapeake Bay Foundation Brock Building – Ms. Christy Everett informed us that the funding campaign has obtained \$16million of the \$21million goal. Construction broke ground in August and should take about 1 year to finish. The building will be LEED Platinum and a Living Building.

SDCC General Meeting - Sept. 30, 2013 at OPVRS at 7:30pm.

Meeting Adjourned – 8:45pm **Motion to adjourn made by Nils Bahringer and 2nd by Marty Schuman. Motion passed unanimously.**