

Minutes from 21 December 2015
Presented 25 January 24, 2016
Shore Drive Community Coalition General Meeting
Submitted by David Williams

Meeting Location: Ocean Park Volunteer Rescue Squad Meeting Hall
Meeting Start: Called to order at 7:30 PM by President Todd Solomon
Total Attending: 13

Special guest:

Officer's Reports:

Treasurer's Report – Kathy Pawlak

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| Balance as of 21 December 2015 | \$7,113.26 |
| | \$1,499.55 Special Projects Account |
| Total memberships paid | 26 civic associations |

Secretary's Report – David Williams

Minutes from 30 November 2015 approved with no corrections

Vice President 's Report – Wally Damon

Bayfront Advisory Commission (BAC) did not meet this month (DEC). Concerning Offshore Drilling proposals, it seems that more civic group are coming up against off shore drilling. Traffic calming (road construction and features designed to slow down traffic speed) is needed at Greenwall Road. Average speed is 34 mph. I would expect the city to utilize more speed and radar police units in the future.

President's Comments – Todd Solomon

Todd presented a \$250 check to the OPVRS EMS leadership (Brandt Schultheis) to help with their station's new renovations plan. Brandt discussed the proposed renovations project which is expected to cost between \$1/2 - 1 million dollars. Improvements would include a new roof and roofline, improved interiors, and HVAC upgrade. The EMS program in Virginia Beach has 40 paramedics with 350 active volunteers and 1,000 total membership. Currently, the OPVRS station supports 55 volunteers. The city pays for member's Workman's Comp Insurance, vehicle insurance and gas. Virginia Beach has the largest volunteer rescue squad service in the U.S. with 10 rescue squads, Advanced Life Support (ALS) and Basic Life Support (BLS). The rescue squads want to do more training in civil disaster preparedness. They may be offering CPR training and certification for residents in the future. Brandt also commented on the importance of having a "Vial of Life" a container listing all the medicines and dosages that you are taking. This information is critical in a medical emergency.

President's Report – Todd Solomon

Old Business - Friends of Live Oaks (FOLO) will be discussing with the city what can be done to better protect the live oaks in the city. FOLO stated that a task force will be established.

New Business - Mr. Joseph Gazaway, the city's PW Department's Beach Maintenance Supervisor monitors the city's (757) 385-5116, and the "See, Click, Say" site. If you see an issue, click a picture and send to that number. The city will give you a work number. The "See, Click, Say" site is also on the SDCC website (www.SDCC.info).

Mr. Jason Wilson, VB PW City Project Manager will discuss Shore Drive Phase III improvements at our 25 January meeting. All the improvements for this phase will be dovetailed with the completion of the new Lesner Brdge.

Virginia Beach City Council rescinded their support for the Off-shore Drilling proposal. Their stance now is "neutral"(neither support or opposition). Ms. Wendy Vaughn commented about Off-shore drilling and discussed the issues involved. Both Lynnhaven River Now (LRN) and the Princess Anne Garden Club are involved in drafting a resolution to present to City Council stating their opposition. She said that more civic groups are opposing off-shore drilling. Many see a significant down-side to drilling while the program offers few benefits for Virginia. While Virginia Beach City Council is "neutral" in its position, 75 other cities in VA, NC, and SC are opposed. Bureau of Ocean Energy Management is well informed about the issues. State government is concerned with suitable "revenue sharing". The organization "Oceanea" is also informing voters on the issues. Ms. Vaughn recommended that voters call the Governor's office to express their opposition.

The Commonwealth of Virginia Assembly will commence shortly for its 45 day session. City Council has endorsed and submitted their Legislative package to the Assembly. The City package is available for review on both the SDCC and VBGov.com sites.

Ms. Bev Flaschentrager from Lynnhaven Dunes Condo Association asked if there was any connection with the recent underground electrical box explosion and fire at Harbrogate condominiums and the other two recent electrical fires in the area east of the Lesner Bridge? She asked if these electrical fires could be related to bridge construction? No one present could offer any information.

A motion to adjourn was submitted and approved. Meeting adjourned at 8:50 pm.

Submitted:

David Williams
SDCC Secretary