

Minutes from 26 OCTOBER 2015
Presented 30 NOVEMBER 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 7:34 PM by President Todd Solomon
Total attending: 24

Special guests: Mr. Mark Shea, Transportation Planner SGA Dept., City of VB
Mr. Brian Chenault, AICP, Hampton Roads Transit, Norfolk, VA

Program Presentation

Mr. Brian Chenault from Hampton Roads Transit (HRT) and Mr. Mark Shea, City of VB Transportation Planner presented the results from their Planning Cost Estimate study for a possible shuttle bus route loop between Shore Drive and the Oceanfront. The route is proposed as seasonal from May 27th to 5 September and would run in two daily shifts with a fare cost of \$2 each way.

The proposed routes (different for day/night), estimated costs and the need for 4 additional buses were discussed. Option 1 Route #35 day route would run from Artic Avenue/19th Street along Shore Drive to Vista Circle (just east of the new bridge). Option 2 Route #35 day route would also start at Artic Ave/19th St, but travel through Ft. Story. The night Route #39 would start at Artic Ave/19th St, but travel west along Laskin Road, First Colonial Rd, N. Great Neck Rd, Shore Drive to Vista Circle.

The proposed routes would run approximately every 30-40 minutes with the day route running 8 am to 4 pm, and the night route running from 4 pm until 2 am. All newly acquired buses will be fitted with bike racks. An All Day Pass would cost \$3 and a 30 Day Pass would cost \$30-\$35. Fares are subject to change.

If approved, the estimated costs for both bus route #35 and #39 would be \$482,679 including our local share cost of \$196,546. The bare minimum cost-break-even point for these routes would require 8 passengers per hour. With approved funding from the State Assembly and VB City Council, these new bus routes could commence May 2016.

A question and answer period followed.

Officer's Reports:

Treasurer's Report- Kathy Pawlak

Balance as of 26 OCT 2015* \$7,113.26

\$1,499.55 Special Projects Account

*Treasurer and President have advised that as Wells Fargo Bank now charges \$14 per month per account, that SDCC accounts have now been transferred to the Bank of Hampton Roads.

Total memberships paid 26 civic associations

Secretary's Report- David Williams

Minutes from SEP 2015 approved with no corrections.

Vice President's Report- Wally Damon

Vice President Damon reported that he is now an appointed member to the city's Bayfront Advisory Commission (BAC). Congratulations Wally. VP reported that Ocean Park Civic League recently met at a newly established local brew house with 80 members attending. The Saturday local Farmers' Market continues to be a wide success. As reported from the BAC meeting, Greenwell Road is being considered by the city's Traffic Engineering department for "traffic calming" measures to slow local traffic. Other measures being considered include increased radar surveillance, and speed bumps.

Old Business

President Report-Todd Solomon

The Community Rating System (CRS/city's neighborhood flooding initiatives) is moving ahead and will take approximately 2-3 years according to city officials. Once the city has elected to participate in the CRS program, a reduction (5%-45%) in resident's annual National Flood Insurance Program (NFIP) premiums will result.

New Business

Bike paths between Greenwell to the Rec Center will be constructed on the southside of the road. City to fund.

The city has some "design and fix" money for the flood prone areas in Cape Story By The Sea and Cape Henry Shores. Two sections that were previously fitted with flood protection devices stayed dry during the recent flood-tide events. Three sluice gates will be installed; Lynnhaven Colony, W. Great Neck Rd., and First Landing. Urchin St. north of Shore Drive continues to flood badly. Cost effective mitigation methods and funding for more flood prone areas along Shore Drive is being pursued.

The next SDCC General Meeting will be Monday 30 November 2015 at 7:30 pm in the Ocean Park Volunteer Rescue Squad Hall.

Motion to adjourn made by Ms. Empsy Munden and 2nd by Joe Avalone. Meeting adjourned 8:59 pm.

Submitted:

David Williams
Secretary SDCC