

Minutes from 28 NOV 2016
Presented 19 DEC 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 by Todd Solomon. 14 attendees

Officer's Reports:

Treasurer's Report- Kathy Pawlak

Balance as of 28 NOV 2016	\$7,263.45
Special Projects Account	\$1,499.55
Total memberships 2016	21

Secretary's report – David Williams

The minutes from 24 OCT 2016 were approved as written with no corrections.

President Todd Solomon opened tonight's meeting by introducing Mr. Mark Shea, a Transportation Planner with the city's Strategic Growth Areas Department. Mark had spoken to SDCC a year ago when funding for the proposed bus route was in doubt because the route did not include a stop in First Landing State. To resolve this issue, Mark met with Hampton Roads Transportation (HRT) and found that a pad could be constructed for about \$10,000. After three subsequent meetings with HRT principals, and with good to excellent responses from surveys taken from State Park visitors showing 3 to 1 in favor; 80% would probably use shuttle or likely to use it; and would stay out in town longer, the new bus route now looks feasible.

Mark explained that to provide 30 minute service (a bus every 30 minutes) from Memorial Day until Labor Day would cost approximately \$283,000. This would require 3 dedicated buses to maintain this time schedule. For a 45 minute service within the City Share program would be \$215,000 and would be a budget item. A 45 minute service requires only two dedicated buses. Service is planned to run from 8 AM until 1234 AM, although the schedule might be weekends only in September except during the Neptune Festival. WAVE bus routes now cost \$2 while HRT routes cost \$1.75. Riders need to have exact fares and credit cards are not accepted. HRT is working on an APP payment system but this would require the addition of equipment. Various pay options for families, 30 day passes, if over 65 and for companies are being considered. Various locations for bus stops are being considered to meet specific structural requirements. HRT would like to see the route average 10 riders per route per hour.

Next step for the route will be to find the needed funding within HRT and city budgets. TIP funds would be used. The City Council will decide on funding options in January. RAC (Resort Area Commission) is in favor of the new route, so it should receive favorable consideration from the City Council.

Vice President Damon then briefed the gathering on information from the BAC meeting.

- Ms. Kay Wilson from the City Attorney's office, a member of BAC has been promoted and will be leaving. Her replacement is Mr. Tobias Eisenlohr.
- City "gateway" flags have been removed for the winter.
- There will be no BAC meeting in December

- The new Lesner Bridge is now 260 days behind schedule which will cost the builder approximately \$2M in late fees to the city
- The old Foons building is out as a restaurant, but a new brewing company will occupy the space.
- Dedicated bike lanes will be built along Shore Drive

Tim Solanic, a member of the city's Events Houses committee said that this committee was established to put together recommendations to present to City Council. He commented that "No new city ordinances are in the works". As this is a Dillon Rule state (Laws and ordinances are established by the Commonwealth, not the cities). No new rules are expected from the Commonwealth this year. Among legislators, 90% want the rules to be enforced, but no new rules.

Andy Broyle from Ocean Park Civic League commented that the development of the property adjacent to the 7-11 on Shore Drive will be reviewed by city staff in January.

Todd Solomon commented on the storm damage done by Mathew along Shore Drive. The winds were not of hurricane strength, but 10 inches of rain caused some flooding. The currently ongoing storm water project being completed by the city with improvements along Shore Drive with flood gates, sluices and larger diameter storm piping should help.

There being no further business, the meeting was adjourned at 8:25 PM.

David Williams

SDCC Secretary