

Minutes from 28 SEP 2015
Presented 26 OCT 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 7:35 by President Todd Solomon

Total of 11

Special guest: Scheduled speaker unavailable (no show)

Officers' reports:

Treasurer's report- Kathy Pawlak

Balance as of 28 SEP 2015 \$7,130.75 Checking

\$1,499.55 Special Projects Account

Member's dues paid 25

Note: President Solomon and Treasurer Pawlak will be changing banks from Wells Fargo to the Bank of Hampton Roads which does not charge the \$14 per account per month fee.

Secretary David Williams submitted the minutes from the 31 AUG SDCC meeting. A motion to approve was submitted, 2nd. The minutes were approved unanimously with no corrections.

Vice President Damon- Reported that the turning lane rubber dividers/markers (verticle pieces placed in between lanes to clearly mark them for merging traffic) placed on the eastbound Shore Drive at the Northampton Blvd off ramp made it difficult for drivers to enter Greenwall Road. Those markers have been removed.

President Solomon discussed the Community Rating System (CRS). No update from the city at this time on the CRS proposal to have Virginia Beach participate in the program. (city participation reduces owner's National Flood Insurance premiums). Todd will discuss further with Mr. Clay Bernick, the city representative.

President Solomon congratulated Ms. Empsy Munden (Pres. Cape Story by the Sea Civic Association) on her recent appointment by Virginia Beach City Council to the Beaches and Waterway Advisory Commission (B&WAC). This commission will have an important role when the city commences expanded operations with the Neighborhood Dredging Program (overseen and monitored by the B&WAC).

President Solomon opened a floor discussion on what background experience the new City Manager should have as the city seeks a replacement for the current City Manager who is retiring. Todd stated that the four public discussion groups conducted by the city were poorly attended. The city would be taking citizen inputs until 30 SEP on the city's Online Town Hall.

The members attending tonight's meeting and the executive committee arrived at the following required skill sets that the new City Manager should possess:

- Supportive of the Virginia Beach Volunteer Rescue Squad system
- Fully supportive of the city's Comprehensive Plan and updates
- Have a background dealing with sea-level rise mitigations for cities
- Previous City Manager experience with a large city of our size
- Familiar with the Dillon Rule as it applies to local and state legislation

- Previous experience collaborating with major military complexes
- Proponent of Complete Streets concepts
- Proficient with the National Incident Management System (NIMS) and policies
- Demonstrated strong fiscal skills to maintain the city's AAA bond rating

These recommendations are to be forwarded by SDCC to the City Council for consideration.

New Business

President Solomon is trying to have the city make a tax exemption for civic leagues events. He has discussed the issue with the Assistant Tax Commissioner. Wording is in place to be prepared for submission to the City Attorney and City Council. The city would lose a relatively small amount of revenue, but many civic associations use their community events (oyster roasts, art shows, etc.) for their fund raising. Some civic organizations see their small event profits reduced by the city tax, which defeats the purpose for their event.

Flu shots available 17 OCT at Kemps Landing, Old Donation and Newtown Elementary schools for children 3 years or older.

Lynnhaven River Now Virginia Beach Candidates forum will be held at the Central Library Wednesday, OCT 14th between 6:30-9:00 pm.

The next SDCC General meeting will be Monday 26 OCT 2015 at 7:30 pm in the Ocean Park Volunteer Rescue Squad Hall.

Motion to adjourn made by Joe Avelon and 2nd by Empsy Munden Meeting adjourned at 8:40 pm.

Submitted:

David Williams
Secretary SDCC