

Minutes from March 28, 2016  
Presented April 25, 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 7:33 PM by President Todd Solomon  
Total Attending: 18

Special guests:

Officer's Reports:

Treasurer's Report –Kathy Pawlak

Balance as of 29 FEB 2016	\$7,163.45
	\$1,499.55 Special Projects Account
Total memberships paid	16 civic associations (as of 3/2016)

Secretary's Report – David Williams

Minutes from 29 FEB 2016 approved with one (typo) correction.

Vice President's report – Wally Damon

Wally reported on the March Bayfront Advisory Commission (BAC) meeting that he attends as a member of that commission. BAC discussed the private fund drive to raise \$350,000 to purchase artwork for the new bridge. The city has stated that only privately raised funds will be used for the artwork. Six finalists remain in the competition and the winner will be selected soon. There is to be only one outlook on the new bridge overlooking the boat ramp and Lynnhaven Bay.

Adjacent to the new bridge, construction has recently started on the Terry-Peterson Properties project Point Chesapeake (old Duck Inn). The project is to offer six 5 story upscale buildings offering 1, 2, 3 bedroom condos with 2 car garages for sale. The apartment complex with two buildings is being built by Greystar and is scheduled to open the summer of 2017.

President's report – Todd Solomon

Old Business-

Shore Drive- Oceanfront Bus Loop Will tentatively start in May 2017, with the new bus route passing by (through) the State park but not through Ft. Story. Currently, to get from the Oceanfront to Shore Drive would require taking three different buses. The new circuit route will be from Vista Circle along Shore Drive and then along Atlantic Avenue to the Oceanfront. From the Oceanfront, the route will be back along Shore Drive to Vista Circle for the turn around. The new route will require the addition of three 40-foot buses which will have a one-half hour frequency schedule starting Memorial Day 2017.

Marina Shores Marina development – The project will be going to the Planning Commission for approval. As proposed by both the developer and adjoining civic groups, a traffic light is requested with the project (N. Great Neck Rd and Lynnhaven Rd.). City officials will conduct a traffic study to determine if a traffic light is needed. City traffic officials will study the frequency of traffic accidents at that location to determine if a traffic light would improve safety or make the intersection more dangerous because of increased rear-end collisions.

Neighborhood Dredging Program - There are growing interests and concerns among some civic groups related to the temporary 400 foot bulkhead at Crab Creek. Constructed for the new bridge project, it was to be removed once the bridge was completed. City Manager Dave Hansen has shown interest in keeping the bulkhead. Some residents are concerned that when the bridge is completed that the bulkhead will become city property and a permanent transfer site for the city. Ms. Empsy Munden, a member of the Beaches and Waterways Advisory Commission stated that she has already received three letters requesting information concerning the bulkhead, but the commission has not been scheduled to meet. SDCC has previously stated that all dredging spoils should be removed either from the neighborhoods from where dredged or removed at the Virginia Beach Boulevard and Laskin Rd. transfer sites.

City Comprehensive Plan Update – As required every five years by state law, the city staff is updating the Comprehensive Plan 2016. The Comprehensive Plan serves as a guide for the Mayor, City Council, and staff for all major city projects and initiatives for the next five years. It also includes a vision for what the residents' would like their city to be like in 2040. After numerous public meetings to gather citizens' comments, the updated Comprehensive Plan draft will be available for comments before City Council vote and approval in May. SDCC will post a link to the city's Comprehensive Plan 2016.

Ocean Park Volunteer Rescue Squad sent a "Thank you" note to SDCC for our contribution of \$250 for their efforts on behalf of Shore Drive residents. As you know, Virginia Beach has the largest volunteer emergency ambulance service in Virginia and does not charge for their emergency services. The city's ambulance crews are all volunteers.

#### New Business

There being no new business, the meeting was adjourned at 8:40 pm.

David Williams

SDCC Secretary