

**Minutes from 31 JULY 2017**  
**Presented 28 AUG 2017**  
**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. 16 attendees

Officer's Reports:

Treasurer's Report- Kathy Pawlak

Balance as of 7/31/2017	\$7,508.05
Special Projects Account	\$1,499.55
Total memberships 2017	14

President Todd Solomon opened tonight's meeting by introducing Ms. Jennifer Eichert, owner of the Mermaid Winery located in Ghent section of Norfolk. Ms. Eichert gave a presentation on her company's proposal to build a winery and restaurant on Shore Drive where the vacant Foon's restaurant is located. The Conditional Use Permit has been approved at a 12 July hearing and now awaits City Council approval on 15 August. She said that the building needs a new interior, and plumbing upgrade. A patio will be constructed on the side of the building. There will be a tasting room adjacent to the dining room. The winery and dining room will be open Monday through Thursday and close at 11 pm. Longer hours are proposed for Friday, Saturday, and Sundays. The Tasting Room will be used for special occasions, wedding rehearsals, receptions, and such. The parking lot will accommodate 40 spaces.

The winery will produce wine on site with grapes from Charlottesville. Two fire pits will be outside. Tuesdays, the facility will have "movie night". The fare for the restaurant will include wings, nachos, dessert pastries, seafood, oysters, steaks, and a wine club. The building should open towards the end of the year. Ms. Eichert said that her business wants to be a good neighbor to the area's residents, while offering a quality place to eat and enjoy some excellent locally produced wines.

President Solomon then received the Treasure's report. The Minutes from the June's meeting were accepted with a minor correction. Vice President Damon reported on the recent Bayfront Advisory Commission (BAC) meeting. BAC recently held a retreat to discuss their objectives for the 2017-2018 calendar year. After reviewing and discussing their mission statement and committee structure, BAC recommended the following goals:

1. Participate in FEMA's Community Rating System (CRS/program to improve flood readiness)
2. Pursue and support Chic's Beach sand replenishment
3. Remove Crab Creek as a dredge spoils transfer site
4. Remove Maple Street as a dredge spoils transfer site
5. Support Friends of Live Oaks efforts

6. Take up the issues of golf carts on the beach and neighborhoods
7. Restore Tazwell Rd. intersection
8. Get bike racks Installed where needed
9. Maintain liaisons with civic groups (SDCC, VB Council of Civic Organizations, etc.)

VP Wally Damon discussed additional BAC items; city bus route #35 (serving Shore Drive to the Oceanfront) is operating at only 50% of the needed ridership averaging 5 passengers per trip, and Bay Lakes Assisted Living will have 72 units at R7.5 zoning.

President Todd Solomon reminded all that there is considerable information posted on the SDCC website (<http://www.sdcc.info>) that Tim spends much effort to update and maintain. For the most current information, please access the site. He said that with bus #35 ridership at only 50% of the required amount, some changes have been recommended. These included:

1. With two buses servicing the route now, another bus could bring the cycle to 30 minutes instead of the current 45 minutes.
2. The route should be extended to Pleasure House Road to encourage military riders.
3. Take the bus route to 9<sup>th</sup> street so passengers can easily connect to the Aquarium.
4. Take the bus down Pacific Ave. instead of Atlantic Ave where it must stop frequently for crosswalk pedestrians and car congestion.

Todd also discussed the need for a final approved Pleasure House Point management plan. The draft plan was approved in 2014, although SDCC was not included in the process. The new plan will address suitable parking areas and offloading areas, ADA accessible parking, bathrooms, kayak launch area, and creating a wetlands mitigation board. The plan is currently at the 30% design stage and will be ready for review and public and civic league comments in 2018.

There being no further business or comments, the meeting was adjourned at 8:55 pm.

David Williams

Secretary, SDCC