

Minutes from 27 July 2015
Presented 31 August 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 7:30 PM by Vice President Wally Damon
Total attending: 7

Special guest: none scheduled

Officer's Reports:

Treasurer's Report- Kathy Pawlak

Balance as of 27 JUL 2015	\$7,158.75 Checking
	\$1,527.55 Special Projects Account
Total memberships	26 civic associations

Secretary's Report- David Williams

Minutes read and approved with no corrections.

Vice President's Report- Wally Damon

Vice President Wally Damon opened the regularly scheduled meeting in the absence of President Solomon who was out of town. Wally provided a picture presentation of the new construction about the Lesner Bridge while being guided by the Project Manager Chris Wojtowicz. Wally discussed many of the high points of the \$120 million dollar project and the various engineering methods used for construction. Wally compared the construction methods used now with those for the original Chesapeake Bay Bridge Tunnel from the early 1960's. The Project Manager Chris Wojtowicz told Wally that construction was on schedule and that they expected completion on schedule (June 2017).

Old Business

Community Rating System - Wally discussed SDCC's ongoing efforts of the City's Community Rating System (CRS) program. (Program is part of the National Flood Insurance Program for those cities that choose to participate. CRS participation would reduce subscriber premiums from 5-45% annually). Information from the city contact was that the briefing sheet had been submitted and that the matter was now before the City Manager for his decision and that of the City Council. SDCC has submitted a letter to the City Council in support of participating in the CRS program when the program comes before them for vote.

Beach Grooming - Beach clean up was briefly discussed as some residents have expressed their concerns that the Bay beaches were not being cleaned regularly as those in the resort areas. Wally stated that according to the Beach Cleaning Plan from 2002, cleaning was limited to the resort area, and not the bay areas. This will be addressed with Vice Mayor Jones and Councilman Wood to see if regular scheduled attention can be applied to our beaches and the areas adjacent to the current Lesner Bridge which have been a persistent problem.

Trolley Survey - The SDCC Trolley Route Survey was completed and has been submitted to the Bayfront Advisory Commission (BAC), City staff, and Hampton Roads Transit. A total of 377 persons completed the survey and expressed their preferences for the various aspects of the proposed route. The results have been posted on www.sdcc.info. A review of the responses indicated many respondents had issues with the Oceanfront parking problems and the lack of public restrooms along Shore Drive that would be needed to accommodate the increased visitor traffic that might visit the beaches, restaurants and shops along Shore Drive while using the new expanded trolley route.

The next SDCC General Meeting will be Monday 31 AUG 2015 at 7:30 pm in the Ocean Park Volunteer Rescue Squad Hall.

Meeting adjourned at 8:20 pm. Motion to adjourn made by Ms. Penny Brown and 2nd by Mr. Joe Avalone.

Submitted:

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