

Minutes from 31 August 2015
Presented 28 SEPT 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 President Todd Solomon
Total attending: 15

Special guest: Mr. Oneil Clarke, VB Public Works Dept on the \$3 million Bike Lane project between Pleasure House Rd and Greenwell Rd.
(note: due to scheduling conflict, Mr. Clarke could not attend)

Officer's Reports:

Treasurer's Report- Kathy Pawlak

Balance as of 27 JUL 2015 \$7,144.75* Checking

\$1,513.55* Special Projects Account

*Treasurer reported that Wells Fargo Bank has now imposed an additional charge of \$14 per month per account. Current balances reflect new charges.

Total memberships 26 civic associations

Secretary's Report- David Williams

Minutes read and approved with one administrative correction (Lesner Bridge completion scheduled for June 2017).

Vice President's Report- Wally Damon

VP discussed the completed SDCC Trolley Survey. Half support the route from Rudee Inlet to Vista Circle which would take approximately 1 hour and cost about \$2 round trip. There have been reports of some cases of vandalism in the Chick's Beach area. Police are taking notice in the area. The Car Show seemed to be successful with a good attendance. There have been some traffic issues on Chic's Beach's narrow roads, a T-bone accident in front of Zia's and Lookout Road.

Old Business

Bike Lane Project – President Todd Solomon discussed the proposed \$3 million Bike Lane Project to connect a bike path/sidewalk between Diamond Springs Road and Greenwell Road. Project will resurface the road, and add 4 feet of additional width to the road. There will be no 'rumble strips' between the car lanes and the bike/pedestrian lanes. The north side of the bikeway could be a challenge to pass under Northampton Blvd. The replacement bridge for the Lesner will have 14 feet of sidewalk for bikes and pedestrians.

Community Rating System (National Flood Insurance Program related). The president reported that the Public Works Department has endorsed the city's participation in the CRS program and submitted the report to the City Manager. The Mayor and City Council will then be briefed. City Council will have a later vote to participate or not in the CRS program (note: city participation could result in a 5-45% savings in National Flood Insurance premiums paid for those residents living in the Special Flood Hazard Area (SFHA) and currently paying flood insurance). It is

anticipated that the city will apply for CRS membership in the spring of 2016. Approximately 25,000 VB homeowners currently carry NFIP Flood Insurance.

Trolley Survey – Todd thanked all (377) who participated in the Trolley Route Survey. The completed Hampton Roads Transit report on possible routes and time schedules were sent to BAC and City Council for consideration. Most survey respondents wanted scheduled service every half-hour. Issues to be resolved include traffic congestion and the cost to the city of \$200,000 per year.

Flood Sluice Gates - Sluice gates will be added in the Lynnhaven area starting DEC 2015 and ending approximately DEC 2016. Electric power and control problems to the sluice gates should be resolved. The sluice gates should prevent back-flow flooding from the canals into the neighborhoods when moderate tides occur of 5.5 feet or less. occurs.

New Business

Dix Creek Dredging The City PW Department has added Dix Creek to the Special Service District (SSD) Neighborhood Dredging Program. The dredge spoils will be removed either locally from Dix Creek. SDCC is monitoring the city's NDP along with several other civic leagues.

Crosswalk Safety Issues Joe Avalone, Pres. of Cape Henry Shores Civic Association brought up the issue of pedestrian-crosswalk safety along Shore Drive. Discussions followed on current Virginia Laws (must stop for someone in the crosswalk IF road posted 35 mph or less, and the lack of police enforcement especially along the Oceanfront. Drivers report concerns of being rear-ended or pedestrian crossing in front of driver but oncoming traffic in adjacent lane not stopping for the pedestrian. Our city policy must be consistent and enforceable or drivers and pedestrians are endangered.

Seal Level Rise Wetlands Watch and an ODU-Dutch team will discuss Sea-level Rise Tuesday 29 SEPT at the VB Central Public Library.

Beach Litter Ms. Penny Brown from Westminster-Canterbury discussed the continuing problem of beach litter, particularly cigarette butts (filters) which some animals consume thinking it food. The filters can kill some birds and turtles. The possibility of banning smoking while on the beach was briefly discussed, but viewed as not achievable with the General Assembly at this time.

The next SDCC General Meeting will be Monday 28 SEPT 2015 at 7:30 pm in the Ocean Park Volunteer Rescue Squad Hall.

Motion to adjourn made and 2nd. Meeting adjourned at 8:50 pm.

Submitted:

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