

**Minutes from 30 OCT 2017**  
**Presented 27 NOV 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. 17 attendees

Officer's Reports:

Treasurer's Report- Kathy Pawlak

Balance as of 9/25/2017	\$7,533.05
Special Projects Account	\$1,499.55
Total memberships 2017	26

Minutes from September were approved with no corrections.

President Todd Solomon opened tonight's meeting by introducing Ms. Jenefer Snyder, Mr. Bob Magoon, and Ms. Cindy Arocho from Virginia Beach's **Envision Virginia Beach 2040** Committee. Cindy provided background information on the 19-member city appointed committee. She stated that the committee represents a diverse group from all the city's zip codes. As a coalition, they are all volunteers, non-legislative and try to provide feedback to City Council on the citizens' views for our city's future.

In order to construct the Envision 2040 report, the committee considered previous major physical and social changes that have impacted the city. They looked at many key factors to develop the vision for what is hoped to be the "Most Livable Coastal City". Those factors include: population and growth trends, ethnic backgrounds in K-12 populations, and economic power shifts with more women graduating college than men. The Envision 2040 Report's six vision elements were discussed; Connected Community, Learning Community, Diverse Community, Unique Environment, Active Lifestyle, and Thriving Community. These vision elements offer both future opportunities and challenges when balanced with future assets and fiscal limitations.

The committee members then answered questions and received comments from the floor. Michelle Z. commented that the way the city was developed was counter to efficient transportation. The impact of future sea-level rise on the city's properties was acknowledged as a threat and briefly discussed. Todd S. commented on needed mass transportation efficiencies that should have been considered many years ago, but the study of such efficiencies was viewed as unnecessary and turned down by the City Manager. Perhaps better use of the Special Growth Areas (SGA's) or more emphasis on the SGA's would have been effective. Wally D. commented that the City Council was wasting our time developing senior housing and asked about the Return on Investment to the city for such elderly housing units. A comment was made that the city needs to find a better balance between economic engines and a "nice place to live" concepts for

retirees. Empsy M. mentioned that the future growth of autonomous cars will impact our future transportation systems. Tim S. made three significant and important points:

- (1.) Local seafood and commercial fishermen need efficient local docks and facilities to bring their products to market quickly.
- (2.) The city's Live Oaks should be preserved, never destroyed for minimal gains. Risks should be mitigated. The loss of a city Live Oak should be the exception, not the first course of action by either the landowner or the city.
- (3.) BROCC Center should be the environmental test area for developing wind, solar, and gray-water technologies.

#### New Business

President Solomon commented that the design for the new Bay Lakes retirement project will have 3 units and includes a left turn (from westbound Shore Dr.) into the complex across two heavily used eastbound traffic lanes. He said that this was apparently "OK" with City Council as they considered that there was not going to be much traffic entering (stated as only 100 trips in/out each day). Todd's traffic design analysis shows that conflicts will increase from the present 8 to 18 points with the city's proposed traffic design. He has sent a letter to City Council stating SDCC's concerns.

Hampton Roads Transit is proposing increases and changes to Shore Drive-Oceanfront service and is seeking additional funding. Some bus routes (#35 and #30) would be combined and made year round. Additionally, City Council should get onboard with the transportation goals in the Envision 2040 report (completed and submitted in 2012).

A motion was presented for discussion and vote by David Williams for a Shore Drive Safety Initiative Two (SDSI-2) to address and mitigate several significant and persistent safety issues; significant numbers of vehicles speeding on Shore Dr. adjacent to Cape Story By the Sea and Cape Henry Shores neighborhoods, and enforcement of crosswalk laws particularly on N. Great Neck Road and Shore Drive. With the development of the planned 200 units Marina Shores apartments AND NO CITY APPROVED TRAFFIC LIGHT at N. Great Neck Road and Lynnhaven Rd, Todd commented that the City Council may be losing focus on important safety issues.

The SDSI-2 motion as amended was seconded and passed unanimously by a voice vote. Todd recommended that the Resolution be sent to City Council and BAC for addressing and reconsidering persistent Shore Drive safety issues.

There being no further business, the meeting was adjourned at 9:15 pm.

David Williams

Secretary, SDCC