

SDCC Minutes – Meeting Date Monday, February 24, 2020

Officers Present:

Todd Solomon, President

Empsy Munden, Vice President

Kathy Damon, Secretary

Tim Solanic, Treasurer

2 Presenters

20 Attendees

Meeting Commenced at 7:31pm with Pledge of Allegiance

Special Presentation: None

Minutes from January 2020 meeting were approved. Wally Damon moved to approve; Paulette Hruska seconded.

Vice President Report: Empsy Munden reports that was a “Sea Level Wise” presentation at Cox HS, Saturday, February 15, 2020 at 10 AM – 12 PM, with the main concerns being development and water management.

Treasurer’s Report: Treasurer Tim Solanic reported \$7558.05 in operating fund, \$1549.55 in special fund, no change from January, 2020.

Old Business:

- 1) Westminster Canterbury (WC) High Rise and Memory Center Expansion:** RJ Nutter, atty for WC, and Mark Borst, VP for Development, were present to report that a website concerning WC (wcbay.com) will be live February 27, 2020, with comments, concerns, and traffic study detail. Much discussion from attendees. WC is asking 200-300% new occupancy over the Shore Drive overlay allowances. WC already houses 630 residents and that exceeds current zoning. Ocean Shores Condominium Assn will have a lawyer present at the March 11 Planning Board hearing. It was suggested that there needs to be a coalition of neighbors to the project, who should make a statement and the SDCC will support. After much discussion regarding height, density, and precedence-setting due to the factors of the Shore Drive Overlay District, based on the Business 901 height restriction, a motion was put forward by Lisa Leidig from Lynnhaven Condominium Association and seconded by Paulette Hruska from Ocean Shores Condominium. The motion reads: *“The SDCC opposes the proposed Westminster Canterbury expansion as it is in violation of the Shore Drive Overlay density restrictions and the Business 901 height restrictions.”* The motion passed unanimously. SDCC citizen survey regarding the expansion at WC will be available online at <https://sdcc.survey.fm/wccb-22>.
- 2) Sea Level Wise (SLW) Public Input:** Public presentations are concluded. Comments until the end of February can be sent to C.J. Bodnar at cbodnar@vbgov.com.

New Business:

- 1) Leasing of Lynnhaven Boat Ramp for Commercial Use:** City wants to lease part of property for up to 3 years for commercial use to support off-shore wind turbine construction. An office building, parking spots, 5000-gallon fuel tank and boat mooring are planned. Your comments and questions are needed and will be submitted to Staff for answers prior to a Council vote on Tues March 3rd. (Verbiage taken from Feb 24 agenda.)
- 2) Lesner Bridge Lighting Issues:** Repairs to Canoe and other lighting issues will be made in the next 60 days.
- 3) “Your Speed” Sign:** Should be installed this summer near the intersection of Shore Drive and Kendall Street. President Solomon wants to make sure it’s portable.
- 4) Shore Drive Community Coalition Future Structure:** Proposed changes that were posted online and reviewed at the January SDCC general meeting were voted upon. Michele Sorenson moved to adopt changes and Paulette Hruska seconded. Vote passed. Meetings will be held 3-4 times per year, unless special meeting is needed. Possible changes to executive board structure as well. \$25 membership dues from member civic groups will be eliminated, but verification of intent of group to be a member, as well as a noted recognized representative will be required.

Community Concerns:

- 1) There was some discussion regarding short term rentals.

Civic Engagement Opportunities: (All verbiage taken from agenda.)

- 1) **Sea Level Wise Draft Input:** Comments deadline is Feb 29. Send comments to cbodnar@vbgov.com.
- 2) **Leasing of Lynnhaven Boat Ramp:** City Council Meeting Tuesday, March 3rd at 6:00pm in Building 1.
- 3) **Proposed Expansion of Westminster-Canterbury:** Planning Commission Meeting Wednesday, March 11th at Noon in Building 1 City Council Chambers. Briefing is held at 9:30am in City Managers meeting room. Take the SDCC Survey at <https://sdcc.survey.fm/wccb-22>. Survey closes March 10th.: Councilman John Moss will host 2 public information sessions in the Bayfront area. Wed, March 4th at Bayside Rec Ctr, and Wed, March 18th at Great Neck Rec Ctr. Both from 6:30-8:00.
- 4) **City Budget Citizen Discussion:** Councilman John Moss will be holding public information sessions in the Bayfront area at the following dates and locations: Both meetings are held from 6:30pm to 8:00pm. Wed March 4th at the Bayside Rec Center & Wed March 18th at Great Neck Rec Center.

Meeting Adjourned 9:02 pm, motion by Michele Sorenson, seconded by Empsy Munden.

Next Meeting TBD.

Respectfully submitted, Kathy Damon, Secretary, SDCC