

**Minutes for the February 13, 2023 Cape Story by the Sea (CSBTS) General Meeting
at Lynnhaven Colony Congregational Church submitted by Todd Solomon**

Meeting Start: Called to order at 7:34 pm by President Diana Albis. 14 attendees were present.

Special Presentation/Guest: No guests or presentations.

Officer Reports:

Secretary Report: January 9, 2023 minutes were distributed for approval. **A motion to approve with no changes was made by David Albis and 2nd by Tosh Cohoon. The motion passed unanimously.**

Treasurer's Report: The report was presented and accepted. \$16,715.19 total funds in Cape Story Accounts (\$13,840.52 Savings, \$2,874.67 Checking). 162 paid members for 2023.

1st V.P. Report: Empsy Munden provided the following updates. Citizen Action Committee (CAC) – Asked to request more speed limit enforcement on Shore Drive and to fix the broken speed indicator sign near Kendall. Next BAC meeting will be Feb. 16th, Public Works Director Hansen will update moratorium on construction in City Right of Ways (ROW). The Virginia Beach Council of Civic Organizations (VBCCO) is resurrecting and will be electing a new slate of officers. Civic groups are being asked to rejoin for \$25 membership dues.

2nd V.P. Report: No Report

President's Report: Report as part of meeting.

Shore Drive Report: Todd Solomon updated that the Conditional Use Permit (CUP) sign near Food Lion is to allow the Beauty Salon to provide permanent micro blading make-up tattoos.

Upcoming Meetings:

Citizens Advisory Committee (CAC) – 2nd Wednesday of the month at 2nd precinct Oceanfront.

Bayfront Advisory Commission (BAC) – 3rd Thursday of the month at 3:30pm at Ocean Park Volunteer Rescue.

Committees:

Military Liaison – Teri Doddy will be conducting a food collection for soldiers stationed at Ft. Story. Donations can be dropped off at her house. A food needs list will be emailed and posted online.

Cape Kids – The Oakley family will be taking over future organization of this group. Thank you to the LaCroixs for all their past efforts and hard work with the group.

Old Business:

Storm Water Sluice Gate – City's Public Works stated that the Sluice Gate at First Landing Lane has finally been fixed and is now fully automatic again. We will need a high tide event to confirm their claim, but hope this is true.

City Manager's Listening Session – Diana, David and Empsy attended a session and provided input on how the City can better civic engagement processes.

CSBTS Civic Association Bylaws – Work on changes is planned for 1st quarter of 2023.

CSBTS Civic Association Officers Needed – New leaders are needed to step up and take over for many of the officers that will be stepping down after many years of service to our community. If interested, please talk to Diana Albis

New Business:

VBCCO Membership – **A motion to join the VBCCO and pay the \$25 membership dues was made by Tosh Cohoon and 2nd by Empsy Munden. The vote passed unanimously.**

Trees Planted in Cape Story Park – Two new trees were planted in the park by City's Parks and Rec department. No contact with Civic Association prior to planting. Location of trees is problematic and potentially dangerous. Mr. Parkman, Parks and Rec. and Councilman Taylor will be contacted and asked to remove or relocate the trees.

Volleyball Poles Removed from Cape Story Beach – City's Public Works removed all of the volleyball poles from the beach. Some of them were taken to 1401 Parks Ave. and can be retrieved. The Civic Association wasn't notified prior to removal. The City has been asked why this didn't happen.

District 8 Councilman Taylor Town Hall – A town hall is scheduled for Thur. Feb. 16th at Great Neck Rec Center from 6:30pm to 8:30pm.

Whale Carcasses – A humpback whale carcass washed ashore near Kendall St. and a right whale carcass came ashore in Ocean Park. Residents are asked to keep distance while the bodies are disposed.

Speakers at Membership Meetings – The suggestion was made to start having speakers at civic meetings to raise attendance. We used to have speakers in the past and should do so again now that COVID concerns have diminished. The first speaker request was made for a rep from the Senior Services of Southeastern Virginia or the City's Senior Resource Center.

Meeting Adjourned –8:43pm **A motion to adjourn was made by David Albis and 2nd by Todd Solomon. Motion passed unanimously.**