

CAPE STORY BY THE SEA (CSBTS) GENERAL MEETING MINUTES
SEPTEMBER 11, 2023 - LYNNHAVEN COLONY CONGREGATIONAL CHURCH
RECORDED BY DIANA ALBIS (IN THE ABSENCE OF TODD SOLOMON, SECRETARY)

- **Meeting Start:** The meeting was called to order by Diana Albis, President, at 7:35PM, to begin with guest speaker. Twenty-eight people signed in.
- **Special Presentation/Guest:** Bill DeSteph, Virginia State Senator
 - Various topics were discussed, and questions/answers were addressed; items included: Oyster reefs created with asphalt removed- not the proper material; absentee ballots can be acquired permanently now; tolls related to new water crossings; prisons conditions, budget surpluses, grass height in medians, initiative for mental therapists- offset educational costs.
- **Officer Reports:**
 - Secretary: The June 12, 2023 minutes had been provided by Todd Solomon and were distributed by Diana Albis in Todd's absence for review and approval. A motion to approve with no changes was made by Empsy Munden and seconded by Dick Brothers. The motion passed unanimously.
 - Treasurer's Report: The report was presented by David Albis and accepted. Checking= \$12,588.00; Savings/Money Market= \$2877.18; Total= \$15,465.18
 - 1st VP Report: Empsy Munden reported on an upcoming Citizens Advisory Committee (CAC) meeting scheduled for September 14 (2nd Wednesday of the month at Rescue 14, 740 Virginia Beach Blvd- Oceanfront, and a Bayfront Advisory Commission (BAC) meeting planned September 21 (3rd Thursday of the month at 3:30 pm- Ocean Park Rescue.
 - 2nd VP Report: None
 - President's Report: Reported as part of meeting.
- **Committees/Events:**
 - Military Partnership- JEB Little Creek/Fort Story: Teri Doddy reported that a new kiosk was designed for the enlisted staff at Fort Story to provide meal items and snacks for those unable to travel off base. Discussion also noted that it is difficult to identify and announce battalion homecomings due to logistics and potential delays. Deployments would not be announced.
- **Unfinished Business:**
 - City of Virginia Beach evaluation- speed/calming/safety options for Cape Henry Trail intersections. David Albis reported that he and Todd Solomon had met with Steve Lambert, Parks & Recreation at the park, and that the options were still being evaluated. S. Lambert will be invited to speak at the November Civic League meeting.
 - July 4th Civic Association Celebration: Diana Albis reported that the event occurred successfully as planned, with parade and brunch, and thanked the volunteers who worked the event and provided additional treats (Teri Doddy) and entertainment (Brian Sagedy).
- **New Business:**
 - Eastern Shore Drive Drainage Improvements- Phase I, Section II- Poinciana Pump Station (CIP 100599): Many of those in attendance voiced an interest in this topic. Various residents of Maple, Sandalwood and Bayberry Street had received a letter from the city regarding plans for geotechnical soil borings and utility test holes planned for September/October. Diana Albis noted she has asked Brad Vanderwarker from Public Works for more details, and will share this with the membership list and those who attended this meeting, as well as invite him or other representative to the next Civic League meeting. A link to the website was shared: (<https://pw.virginiabeach.gov/stormwater/flood-protection-program/eastern-shore-drive-phase-1>). People are also very concerned about the meaning of white painted markings on many residential trees that appear to extend beyond any standard right-of-way. This will be brought up at the meeting with Public Works.
 - CSBTS Civic Association Fundraiser- Annual Oyster Roast and BBQ: Diana noted that the annual oyster roast plans are in progress- scheduled from 1pm-5pm on Sunday, November 5 in the neighborhood park.
 - Resident Gary Forest noted that the American flags on Shore Drive are only out for certain holidays and timeframes and suggested that this timeframe be extended. He has 16 flags and 4 volunteers willing to put them out/rotate when needed.
 - Diana Albis mentioned that Regina Wallace and Shirley Drye arranged to have City Councilman Chris Taylor attend the October 9 meeting.
- **Meeting Adjournment:** A motion to adjourn was made by David Albis and seconded by Empsy Munden; the motion passed unanimously. The meeting was adjourned at 9:25pm.