

**Minutes for the May 13, 2024 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. 15 attendees were present.

Special Presentation/Guest: Diana Howard, Chair of the Virginia Beach Tea Party, spoke regarding the City's potential decision to allow Collective Bargaining (Unions). She cited many examples from other cities where allowing this practice has caused problems and higher taxes. City Council recently voted 5-5 on allowing Collective Bargaining, so it didn't pass. Council may place the question on the November ballot as a non-binding referendum to poll the public and then hold another vote afterwards.

Officer Reports:

Secretary Report: April 8, 2024 minutes were distributed for approval. **A motion to approve the minutes with the removal of "Dick" from the adjournment was made by Kim Lacroix and 2nd by Scott Schubert. The motion passed unanimously.**

Treasurer's Report: The report was presented by David Albis and accepted. \$15,658.17 total funds in Cape Story Accounts (\$12,779.96 Checking, \$2,878.21 Savings). David reported that there is still trouble collecting about \$4,000 from Oyster Roast online ticket sales. It was discussed and agreed that we should contact a lawyer to pursue collection litigation.

President's Report: Diana Albis informed us of the following:

- Thurs May 23rd 6-8pm at GNRC, there will be a public meeting on possible wetland restoration sites for joint US ACOE and VB projects.
- Tues May 14th 6pm Council Chambers – Special City tax levy session.
- Thurs May 16th 5:30-7:30pm at Kellam HS – Last public meeting on the 2040 Comprehensive Plan

1st V.P. Report: Empsy Munden provided from the recent CAC, BAC and VBCCO meetings. Reminder that Friday May 31st will be the 5th anniversary of the VB shooting. Memorial events are planned and can be found at City's website www.virginiabeach.gov

2nd V.P. Report: Cathy Sykes will be the coordinator for this year's Clean the Bay Day. Sat. June 1st at 9am. We will be cleaning up the Cape Henry Trail.

Shore Drive Report: Todd Solomon reported that the Bayfront Advisory Commission and City staff have asked Westminster Canterbury to fix the new public beach ramp they constructed before the City will accept it and take over operation. Todd also updated that the current 2040 Comp Plan identifies the intersection of N Great Neck and Shore Drive as a City Center and targets it for high intensity development.

Upcoming Meetings:

Citizens Advisory Committee (CAC) – 2nd Wednesday of the month at 7pm at Fire Station #14.

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

Virginia Beach Council of Civic Organizations (VBCCO) – Visit www.vbcco.org for monthly meeting dates, times and locations.

Committees:

Military Liaison – Teri Doddy informed us that the Fort's POC identified a new family that is in need of a washer/dryer.

Old Business:

Spring Fling – Event is scheduled for Sunday May 19th from 4-7pm in the park. Rain date of Sunday May 26th.

Shore Drive US Flags and Poles – Flags and poles have been installed. Thank you to Gary Forrest. Donations are being accepted if anyone wants to sponsor the flag on their street.

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. Talk to Diana Albis if interested.

New Business:

VBCCO Bylaw Changes – Diana read the proposed changes. No objections were noted. OK to vote in favor.

CSBTS Treasurer Submits Resignation Letter – David Albis officially submitted his letter of resignation as Treasurer as of June 11th. After 16+ years as Treasurer it is finally time to retire. Thank you for your excellent service Dave. A new Treasurer will have to step up and be voted in as soon as possible at a future meeting.

Meeting Adjourned –8:53pm **A motion to adjourn was made by Todd Solomon and 2nd by Diana Albis. Motion passed unanimously.**