

**Minutes for January 13, 2025 Cape Story by the Sea (CSBTS) General Meeting  
at Lynnhaven Colony Congregational Church submitted by Todd Solomon**

Meeting Start: Called to order at 7:33 pm by President Diana Albis. 14 attendees were present.

Special Presentation/Guest: None

Officer Reports:

Secretary Report: Dec, 9 2024 minutes were distributed for approval. **A motion to approve the minutes with no corrections, was made by Empsy Munden and 2<sup>nd</sup> by Scott Schubart. The motion passed unanimously.**

Treasurer's Report: The report was presented by Will Oakley and accepted. \$12,869.50 total funds in Cape Story Accounts (\$9,990.95 Checking, \$2,878.55 Savings).

President Report -Diana Albis presented the following: Somethings In The Water (SITW) oceanfront event has been given several contract extensions but will most likely be cancelled unless concert promoter meets requirements. Councilman Stacy Cummings is our new District 8 representative. He can be contacted at [stcummings@vbgov.com](mailto:stcummings@vbgov.com) and 757-629-8691. VBCCO will meet 1/15 @6:30pm at Bow Creek Rec Center, Presentation topic will be the Real Time Crime Center by VB Police Dept.

1<sup>st</sup> V.P. Report: Empsy Munden provided an update from the recent CAC meeting. The continuous topic of concern is unlocked cars being broken into. Please remember to always lock your vehicles.

2<sup>nd</sup> V.P. Report: No report.

Secretary/Shore Drive Report: Todd Solomon provided the following updates: Cape Henry Beach sand replenishment project is completed. Sand was placed from the Lesner Bridge to Westminster Canterbury. The amount of sand provided by the dredging of the Lynnhaven Inlet at best could reach Seagate Colony. If Cape Story beaches ever need replenishment, another source of sand will be needed. The HAWK pedestrian crossing system installation has been delayed until the end of 2025. City's Public Works has plans to create a 12 acres of wetlands bank on Pleasure House Point. City is working with Ocean Park and Environmental groups to save as many trees as possible and provide a safe construction. Plan to start work in February 2025. City needs the wetland bank credits for several Storm Water projects.

Upcoming Meetings:

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

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

**Virginia Beach Council of Civic Organizations (VBCCO)** –Visit [www.vbcco.org](http://www.vbcco.org) for meeting information.

Committees:

**Military Liaison** – Teri Doddy informed us that Cape Story sponsored a total of 3 families for our annual holiday giving. An additional family was added last minute, but the neighborhood rose to the challenge admirably. Teri mentioned one family has the need for a new/gently used crib.

Old Business:

**Cape Story Park Landscaping Improvements** – Gary Forrest provided a committee update. Rough estimates to replace the irrigation system are \$725. Diana, Todd and Gary have been talking with City P&R Symsi Denson to understand what paperwork needs to be submitted and what materials the City can provide. A full project estimate needs to be created and presented for a vote. Gary will be contacting the City Arborist to plan a site meeting to determine how best to dig up root systems and which trees to avoid.

**Cape Henry Trail Intersection Safety** – Todd provided an update on his meeting with P&R Steve Lambert and PW Traffic Engineer Ric Lowman. It was suggested that we pursue installing raised crosswalks at Bayberry and Sandalwood adjacent to the park. The City may have discretionary funding for these two sites as demonstration projects. Todd will try to contact City to learn what needs to happen next.

New Business:

**Civic Association Membership Discussion** – 161 members in 2024. So far, 65 members in 2025. Some ideas to get more members and participation were suggested, set up reoccurring automatic dues payments for online membership payments, FB Live or Zoom the monthly meetings for those that can't attend in person, provide childcare at meetings.

**2025 Yuengling Shamrock Marathon Volunteers Needed** – J&A Racing lends Cape Story fencing for the Oyster Roast. In turn, Cape Story agrees to provide 15 volunteers to work the marathon on March 16<sup>th</sup>. A sign up link will be emailed with more details.

Meeting Adjourned –8:35pm **A motion to adjourn was made by Ginnie Stover and 2<sup>nd</sup> by Sean LaCroix. Motion passed unanimously.**