

**Minutes for February 10, 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: January 13, 2025 minutes were distributed for approval. **A motion to approve the minutes with no corrections, was made by Teri Doddy and 2nd by Chris Cohoon. The motion passed unanimously.**

Treasurer's Report: The report was presented by Will Oakley and accepted. \$13,454.14 total funds in Cape Story Accounts (\$10,575.56 Checking, \$2,878.58 Savings).

President Report -Diana Albis presented the following:

-**VB Coastal Storm Risk Management Study** – City and US Army Corps of Engineers will perform a 3 year study to evaluate long term solutions for the City. Storm surge abatement, flood gates, flood walls are some of the suggestions being reviewed for the Bayfront area. www.nao.usace.army.mil/About/Projects/VBCSRM

-**Flood Protection Plans, Eastern Shore Drive** – Several Storm Water projects are planned as part of the Shore Drive roadway improvement project. In addition, an upgrade to Poinciana pump station is planned for Cape Story between Bayberry and Sandalwood. The roadway project is expected to start Q2 of 2025. Pump station work may not start until 2026. A Civic meeting will be held on pump station project prior to bids.

-**VBCCO Mtg Feb 19th** – City Planning Dept Rep Kevin Kemp will discuss zoning issues.

1st V.P. Report: Empsy Munden provided an update from the recent CAC meeting.

2nd V.P. Report: No report.

Secretary/Shore Drive Report: Todd Solomon stated he contacted City's Parks Dept to get an update on the proposed safety improvements for the trail intersections at the long streets in Cape Story. No reply to date.

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 meeting information.

Committees:

Military Liaison – Teri Doddy informed that one of the base families is still in need of a crib.

Old Business:

Pleasure House Point Wetland Mitigation Bank – The City has filed a Joint Permit Application (JPA) with VMRC and US Army Corps of Engineers to convert 12 acres of land into 8 acres of wetland bank credits to be used for City Storm Water projects. Approx. 5,000 trees will be and 60,000 dump trucks of material will be removed. Volunteers are helping to relocate trees and plans are for larger trees to be relocated on site using mechanical assistance. Residents are asking for soil samples to confirm that no hazardous wastes are present that could be disturbed during excavation.

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 water stations at the marathon on March 16th. Cathie Sykes will be the Coordinator. A signup link will be emailed with more details.

Cape Story Park Landscaping Improvements – Gary Forrest provided a committee update. He recently met with the City Arborist on site. The arborist didn't identify any adverse impacts in the area being considered for irrigation and seeding. The committee will work up a budget for the project. At least four(4) volunteers will be needed to help dig and spread soil.

New Business:

Maylea's Fun 5K Run/Walk – Sat April 5th at Baylake United Methodist Church. In support of local JMU freshman hit by motorcycle. Proceeds support scholarship fund.

Text Message Scam – *Pay you fast trak lane tolls*. Residents are receiving fake text, email, call to pay toll. Ignore and don't provide any info.

Spring Fling Budget – Kim LaCroix presented the Spring Fling Budget of \$1,880. It was suggested that a sponsor to help pay for the bounce house would offset costs. All agreed. **A motion to approve the Spring Fling budget/check of \$1,880 was made by Chris Cohoon and seconded by Scott Schubart. The motion passed unanimously.**

Meeting Adjourned –8:35pm **A motion to adjourn was made by Kim LaCroix and 2nd by Scott Schubart. Motion passed unanimously.**