

**Minutes for March 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 7:35 pm by President Diana Albis. 11 attendees were present.

Special Presentation/Guest: None

Officer Reports:

Secretary Report: February 10, 2025 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. \$13,439.05 total funds in Cape Story Accounts (\$10,560.45 Checking, \$2,878.60 Savings). Will also informed us that a large amount of the delinquent payments from past oyster roasts have finally been collected.

President Report -Diana Albis presented the following:

**-Eastern Shore Drive Roadway and Storm Water Improvements** – District 8 Councilman Stacy Cummings will host a townhall in April to discuss this topic. The SW projects include: CIP#100597-Improvements north of Shore Drive between the Lesner Bridge and N. Great Neck. CIP#100598-Improvements along Cape Henry Drive. CIP#100599-Improving Poinciana Pump Station and piping system. Several Storm Water projects are planned as part of the Shore Drive roadway improvement project.

**-Pleasure House Point Wetlands Bank Project** – The City will cut down approximately 8 acres of trees and convert the area into a wetland bank. Credits from the bank will be used to offset wetland destruction that occurs on other City SW projects within the Lynnhaven River system.

**-VBCCO Mtg March 19<sup>th</sup>** – City presentation on Police Real Time Crime Center.

1<sup>st</sup> V.P. Report: Empsy Munden provided the following. BAC did not meet in February due to the snow storm. CAC reporting that most crimes are still a result of residents leaving their cars unlocked.

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

Secretary/Shore Drive Report: Todd Solomon reported on Cape Henry Trail intersection safety. Information contained in Old Business.

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** – No Report.

Old Business:

**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 16<sup>th</sup>. Currently, 20 volunteers have signed up. **A motion to provide \$40 to Cathie Sykes to purchase donuts for the volunteers was made by Chris Cohoon and seconded by Todd Solomon. The motion passed unanimously.**

**Cape Henry Trail Intersection Safety Improvements** – Todd provided the following update. Steve Lambert of Parks and Recreation sent an email identifying that P&R would be applying for grant money to help fund the identified safety improvements. They need signed letters from all four adjacent homeowners to proceed with a raised crosswalk. Any intersection that can't provide all four will not be allowed to have this improvement. He asked the Civic Association to provide letters by the end of August 2025. It is suggested that the Civic Association vote at the April meeting to support/oppose Raised Crosswalks prior to approaching individual homeowners.

**Cape Story Park Landscaping Improvements** – Gary Forrest provided a committee update. He was having difficulty getting any response from the City to several questions. Todd Solomon also stated he hasn't received responses to permit questions. A discussion about moving forward and funding was held. **A motion to spend up to \$1,000.00 to improve the irrigation system, topsoil and seed the park open area was made by Gary Forrest and seconded by Chris Cohoon. Motion passed unanimously.**

New Business:

**Suspicious Behavior Along Cape Henry Trail Near Wake Forest** – An older male has been seen on a bench faking an injury to attempt to take advantage of females that stop to help as they pass by. It has been reported to 911.

**Spring Fling** – Sean LaCroix said the Spring Fling is looking for sponsors to help offset funding. It was suggested to place a notice in the next Skipjack newsletter.

April Meeting Guest Speaker: VB Officer Kishon Roberts, Community Liaison for the 2<sup>nd</sup> District, will attend to listen to any concerns/questions we may have.

Meeting Adjourned –8:45pm **A motion to adjourn was made by Gary Forrest and 2<sup>nd</sup> by Todd Solomon. Motion passed unanimously.**