

**Minutes for April 14, 2025 Cape Story by the Sea (CSBTS) General Meeting
at Lynnhaven Colony Congregational Church submitted by Todd Solomon**

Meeting Start: Called to order at 7:37 pm by President Diana Albis. 11 attendees were present.

Special Presentation/Guest: Officer Kishon Roberts, Community Liaison Officer 2nd Precinct, came to introduce himself to the residents. He provided an update regarding 2 different suspicious males, one in the State Park and another in Cape Story, both along the Cape Henry Trail. He also detailed how the VBPD handles mental health calls. He would welcome attending CSBTS events and can provide us with neighborhood statistics. His contact information is 757-817-9825c, KMRoberts@VBgov.com

Officer Reports:

Secretary Report: March 10, 2025 minutes were distributed for approval. **A motion to approve the minutes with no corrections, was made by Scott Schubart and 2nd by Empsy Munden. The motion passed unanimously.**

Treasurer's Report: The report was presented by Diana Albis and accepted. \$17,007.57 total funds in Cape Story Accounts (\$14,128.95 Checking, \$2,878.62 Savings). Thank you to all those that helped recover the unpaid Oyster Roast revenues.

President Report -Diana Albis presented the following:

-**Eastern Shore Drive Roadway and Storm Water Improvements** – Thursday May 1st at 6:30pm at Cox HS auditorium, District 8 Councilman Stacy Cummings will host his first townhall to discuss these topics and others.

-**Pleasure House Point Wetlands Bank Project** – The City began cutting down the 8 acres of trees to create a wetlands mitigation bank. Visit www.virginiabeach.gov/PHPproject for more information.

-**VBCCO Mtg April 16th** – Virginia Beach Rescue Squad Foundation will present.

1st V.P. Report: Empsy Munden provided updates from the 2nd Precinct's Citizens Advisory Committee meeting.

2nd V.P. Report: No report.

Secretary/Shore Drive Report: Todd Solomon reported that Westminster Canterbury received approval from the VMRC to replace their 300ft private pier. The City will be responsible for oversight of the public Beach thoroughfare during construction

Upcoming Meetings:

Citizens Advisory Committee (CAC) – 2nd Wednesday of the month at 7pm at Volunteer Rescue Squad Station 14 740 Virginia Beach Blvd.

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 – No Report.

Old Business:

Cape Henry Trail Intersection Safety Improvements – Todd provided the long history regarding the request to improve intersection safety and how we got to where we are. Todd added an information page to the Cape Story website that captures all of this information. Parks and Recreation has requested signed project approval support letters from the four adjacent residents in order to proceed with funding for each street. **In an effort to move forward and solicit approvals, the motion was made by David Albis and 2nd by Susie Smith, "The Cape Story by the Sea Civic Association supports the City of Virginia Beach recommended safety improvement project of installing raised sidewalks at all neighborhood intersections of the Cape Henry Trail." The motion passed unanimously.**

Cape Story Park Landscaping Improvements – Sean LaCroix informed us that the GoFundMe effort raised \$2,036.00. This brings the total amount of funding available for the park project up to \$3,236.00. Gary Forrest provided a committee update. He will contact the irrigation company and proceed with repair/installation. He will also contact the City to attempt to obtain a load of topsoil which they previously offered. We will need to supply volunteers to help spread the soil once obtained.

Shamrock Marathon – Thank you to all the volunteers that helped with the event.

Spring Fling – Sunday April 27th from 4-7pm in the neighborhood park. Rain date of Sunday May 5th.

New Business:

Clean the Bay Day – June 7th. Empsy Munden will be zone captain.

Abandoned Phone Boxes Along Cape Henry Trail – There are about 15 abandoned and dilapidated telephone boxes along the trail. They have graffiti and bees' hives in them. It was requested that the City be contacted and asked if they can be removed.

Meeting Adjourned –8:59pm **A motion to adjourn was made by Gary Forrest and 2nd by Todd Solomon. Motion passed unanimously.**