

**Minutes for January 12, 2026 Cape Story by the Sea (CSBTS) General Meeting
at Lynnhaven Colony Congregational Church submitted by Todd Solomon**

Meeting Start: Called to order at 7:31 pm by President Diana Albis. 15 attendees were present.

Special Presentation/Guest: None

Officer Reports:

Secretary Report: December minutes were presented. **A motion was to approve without change was made by Teri Dobby and 2nd by Empsy Munden. The motion passed unanimously.**

Treasurer's Report: The report was submitted by Will Oakley, presented by Diana Albis and accepted. \$18,769.93 total funds in Cape Story Accounts (\$15,591.07 Checking, \$3,178.86 Savings).

President Report -Diana Albis presented the following:

-VB Planning Commission will begin live-streaming their "informal" sessions. Informal sessions will be held at 9am prior to the formal meeting on the 2nd Wed each month.

-VB Council of Civic Organizations next meeting Wed. 1/21 @ 6:30pm Bowcreek RC. Guest speaker City of VB Community Development Center CEO Quincy White.

-City Council meeting Tuesday 1/20 at 6pm (1st and 3rd Tuesdays). Agenda and Live-stream available online

-HAWK pedestrian signal construction schedule, May 2026 to March 2027

-City Coastal Storm Risk Mgmt. (CRSM) Feasibility Study – 5 public meetings. Schedule on City website.

1st V.P. Report: Empsy Munden provided updates from CAC, BAC and VBCCO meetings.

2nd V.P. Report: No report.

Secretary/Shore Drive Report: Todd Solomon provided updates on the Poinciana Pump Station and Cape Henry Beach Replenishment projects. City SW Engineers will present the pump station plans at a Spring Civic Association meeting. The beach replenishment project was delayed and will start Jan 12, 2026.

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 – Teri Dobby thanked everyone that made donations to Holiday Giving. Two families were supported with gifts. One Cape Story family also helped provide repairs to a service members car at no charge. One family new to the area is in need of furniture. An email with details will be sent.

Old Business:

Cape Story Park Improvement – Still need an update from Gary Forrest and a plan moving forward. If improvements are not made, plans to return the \$2,200 will begin.

Cape Henry Trail Intersection Safety Improvements – President Diana has action and will contact the 8 adjacent homes in hopes of obtaining their approvals prior to submitting to the City for funding support.

E-Bike Problems – The operation of these bikes is an issue throughout the City. City staff is studying the problem for possible solutions. More information can be found here <https://communications.virginiabeach.gov/hot-topics/e-bikes>

New Civic Association Trash Cans – 5 new 33-gal trash cans have been purchased for use at Association events.

Cape Story Park Fencing – City Parks and Rec Dept. removed the wooden fencing in the park. The City plans to replace the removed fencing with a low-profile barrier. An installation date has not been set.

New Business:

Civic Association Holiday Party/Meeting – A new venue needs to be found for the Dec meeting/party. Ballyhoos charged \$1000 for this years event, a \$400 increase.

Shamrock Marathon Volunteers Needed – Sat March 22nd. 10-15 volunteers are needed to work the water station. Supporting the event is a trade off for use of J&A's fencing at our Oyster Roast. Contact Cathie Sykes for information (cathiesykes@icloud.com)

Civic Association Officers Desperately Needed – The President, 1st VP and 2nd VP will be stepping down in March. In order for the Association to continue, these positions will need to be filled. Please step up to help.

Meeting Adjourned –9:01pm **A motion to adjourn was made by David Albis and 2nd by Todd Solomon. Motion passed unanimously.**