

**Minutes for the July 27, 2009 Shore Drive Community Coalition General Meeting submitted  
by Todd Solomon**

Meeting Location: Ocean Park Volunteer Rescue Squad

Meeting Start: Called to order at 7:30pm by Grace Moran. 22 Attendees present.

Special Guest / Program– **Tom Pauls, City Planning Department – Comprehensive Plan Coordinator.** The Comp Plan is a guide, zoning ordinances are laws. The Planning Commission has to update the Comp Plan every 5 years by law. 12 public hearings were held in 2008 to support the current review. The draft should be out in Aug. 2009. There will be 3 public information meetings on the draft in Sept. Then the Planning Commission and City Council will hold public hearings on the updated Comp Plan. The tentative date for City Council review is Nov. 3<sup>rd</sup>. The Comp Plan lists 2 types of areas – SGA (strategic growth area) and SFA (suburban focus area). There are 12 SGAs identified in the Comp Plan. <5000 square miles left to develop in VB. So SGA focus on higher density redevelopment. SFA are mainly located south of I-264 and are less dense. The Bayfront Advisory Committee (BAC) sent a letter to City Planning Dept asking for two specific areas along Shore Drive to be looked at for possible changes to land use. The areas suggested were along SD west of West Great Neck Rd (The Reef, The Half Shell) and the area west of Pleasure House Road (strip mall area). Current zoning is B-2 commercial only. Suggestion from BAC was to look at mixed use commercial + residential. Tom Pauls suggested that Shore Drive be made a SFA. This would mean creating a total plan for the area. Expand on the existing studies and include the neighborhoods and areas not already evaluated. Something similar to the Old Beach and Historic Kempsville and Pembroke plans. The SFA plan would take 2-3 years and require heavy public involvement.

**Officer Reports:**

Secretary Report: June 29, 2009 minutes were passed out and reviewed. **A motion to approve the minutes with comment of adding an “A” to “NOA” was made by Nils Bahringer and 2<sup>nd</sup> by Emsy Munden. Motion approved unanimously.**

Treasurer's Report: No changes to report for this month.

President & VP Report – None this month.

**Old Business:**

Indigo Dunes – The Pleasure House Point Committee and SDCC officers will be submitting a wording change for the Comp Plan regarding Pleasure House Point.

Pound Pole Nets – Re-filing of appeal was being worked. Deadline is July 31<sup>st</sup>. Judge will rehear after the update is reviewed. Re-filing focused on individual impacts as a result of the new nets. An individual can not represent a group of residents.

Cape Henry Beach Replenishment – Current rumor is there will not be as much sand as originally mentioned. If the project starts at the Lesner Bridge, there may not be enough sand to reach those that really want it. The suggestion was made to invite Mike Kay, City Engineer in charge of the project to the Aug or Sept SDCC meeting. The proposed dredging is scheduled to start the end of August.

Shore Drive Safety Initiatives – David Williams provided an update on the teams work so far. The team met 3 times (7/6, 7/13 & 7/20). They took one field trip along Shore Drive to investigate trouble areas. An Audit team has been created to review improvements relative to vehicle, pedestrian and bicycle safety. The Audit team will develop criteria, short, medium and long term fixes. The Audit team will then report to the Safety Team. A temporary speed limit reduction trial will be put into place between Great Neck and First Landing State Park entrance. The speed will be lowered from 45 to 35mph from Aug 3<sup>rd</sup> until Sept 7<sup>th</sup>. Afterwards data will be analyzed and a report generated for City Council to review. City Council will then determine if the 35mph should be made permanent.

Lesner Bridge Replacement – The project has been placed on the State's list for Federal Stimulus monies. A contract was signed with Figg engineering to continue with the design and construction. 50 feet of beach and dunes will be impacted on the Ocean Park beach

**New Business:**

Fort Story Troops Leaving – Tuesday July 28 at 9:00am

VBCCO meeting – 2009 Legislative Report, Thursday Aug. 13 at 7pm in the Conference Center.

Next SDCC meeting is Monday August 31 – Hurricane Evacuation Route Presentation

Meeting Adjourned – 8:58pm **Motion made by Andrew Barnett and 2<sup>nd</sup> by Nils Bahringer. Approved unanimously.**