



# Baylines

*Newsletter of the City Council-appointed*

## **Bayfront Advisory Commission**

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### **Bayfront Advisory Commission meets**

**Thursday, April 20, 2017**

**3:30-5:30 pm**

**Virginia Beach Resort and Conference Center**

2800 Shore Drive

### **Agenda**

#### **CALL TO ORDER**

Welcome and Introductions - Kal Kassir, Chair

#### **CHAIRMAN'S REPORT**

Comments from Kal Kassir, Chair  
Review and Approval of Minutes

#### **STAFF REPORTS & UPDATES -- Mark Shea, Tobias Eisenlohr**

#### **COMMITTEE REPORTS & UPDATES**

Public Safety, Transit, Parking & Pedestrian Access- Charles Malbon  
Design Review – Joseph Bovee  
Communications – Scott Ayers

#### **PRESENTATION**

Public Art Virginia Beach Foundation Presentation – Lesner Bridge

#### **NEW BUSINESS**

#### **OLD BUSINESS**

#### **PROJECT BRIEFINGS, OPEN DISCUSSION & COMMENTS FROM PUBLIC**

Public Comment Period

#### **ADJOURN**

# *Lesner public art unveiling April 20*

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Years of planning will culminate April 20 when the Public Art Virginia Beach Foundation and artist Donald Lipski unveil the design for the public art creation that will be erected on the southwest side of the new Lesner Bridge at the Bayfront Advisory Committee meeting.

The meeting, open to the public, will include presentations by Lipski and Foundation Chairman Andy Fine discussing and showing the inspiration behind the artwork. The presentation will take place at the 3:30 p.m. meeting in the Sunset Room of the Virginia Beach Resort Hotel and Conference Center, 2800 Shore Drive.

“This will be an exciting and an important milestone in our mission to make the Bayfront a community of a lifetime,” BAC Chairman Kal Kassir told Baylines. “They snared a big fish with this guy.”

The sculpture for the bridge, which will be paid for with private donations to the Foundation, is part of a city strategy to erect art works for the public to enjoy throughout the city. Already there are pieces like the King Neptune statue at the Oceanfront and the sculpture at the roundabout on Laskin Road.

More than 60 artists from around the world submitted proposals for the Lesner Bridge art. The city’s Office of Cultural Affairs is coordinating the project with the seven-year-old public art Foundation.

In recent years, Lipski has focused his efforts on creating large-scale works for public spaces. Below is the F.I.S.H. sculpture he did for the River Walk in San Antonio, TX. The photo on page 1 is from his web site.



## *Yellow gantry moving to new site in May*

The enormous yellow gantry that has been parked on the north side of the new Lesner Bridge will be moved to the south sometime next month, an official will the Public Works department told the Bayfront Advisory Commission. Valerie Henshel, an engineer in the Public Works Department’s traffic safety office, said moving the gantry to the construction site for the second new span of the bridge will take place “in the middle of the night” sometime in May. At some point, the entire bridge will be closed, she said, but this will be done between midnight and 4 a.m. on one or more days to minimize traffic disruption.

Lane closures also will be likely.

Specific information will be made public when dates and times are set. Motorists should check electronic signs as the date(s) approach for up-to-the-minute information, she said.

## Beachy Clean program expands to Bayfront

Beachy Clean VB, a consortium of clean-waterways initiatives that started at the Oceanfront, is expanding to the Bayfront and Sandbridge, Christina Trapani, a spokesman for the organization told the Bayfront Advisory Commission .

The effort is backed by such organizations as the Virginia Beach Hotel Association, Keep American Beautiful's Cigarette Litter Prevention Program, the Surfrider Foundation's Virginia Beach chapter and Longwood University's Clean Virginia Waterways program, she said. Other sponsors are being sought.

Promotional literature and items soliciting the help of visitors, residents and businesses with pointers on how to keep beaches and waterways clean will be distributed to hotels and restaurants and affixed to beach trash-collection barrels. Volunteers to help spread the word also will be needed, Trapani said.

For more information, visit <https://beachycleanvb.org/>.



## Outreach '17 meeting set for May 18

Outreach '17, an effort to seek input on issues and priorities from Bayfront neighborhoods, will be held after the Bayfront Advisory Commission's general meeting on May 18. The Commission is asking neighborhood, civic league and condominium associations to bring their most pressing concerns to Outreach '17. This will allow the commission to gather concerns and set priorities for its work during the next fiscal year, said Kal Kassir, commission chairman.

"There are many issues of which the commission is already aware and will continue to follow and monitor them, such as flooding and proposed new developments and capital improvement projects," Kassir said. This meeting is to hear from neighborhoods about their primary concerns.

The Outreach '17 meeting, open to the public, will follow the BAC's regular monthly meeting from 4 to 6 p.m. at the Virginia Beach Resort Hotel and Conference Center. The regular meeting's time will be adjusted to between 3 and 4 p.m. that day.

Neighborhoods who wish to be notified directly of this effort, or who wish to add a representative to the commission's monthly *Baylines* e-newsletter, should send their name and contact information to Scott Ayers, BAC Communications Committee chairman, at [scotta@roseandwomble.com](mailto:scotta@roseandwomble.com) or at [bayfrontadvisorycommissionvb@gmail.com](mailto:bayfrontadvisorycommissionvb@gmail.com).



## Lesner update from Wojo

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Since the last project update in December a lot has changed on the Lynnhaven Inlet! On Jan. 17, eastbound lanes of Shore Drive traffic were diverted to the new westbound Lesner Bridge. This completed Phase 3 of 5 on the project and prepared for the demolition of the old Lesner Bridges and the construction of the new eastbound span.

Demolition the old bridges began Jan. 25, and continues today. No blasting will be used to remove the old bridges. Bridge decks of the have been strategically cut to allow each beam of each span to be removed individually. Most of the removed beams with attached deck are being transferred to barges for disposal at Cabbage Patch Reef located off Kiptopeke State Park. Some of the removed degraded beams were chosen by Virginia Tech to be saved and transported to Blacksburg for strength testing - but that is another story. The remaining bridge piles are cut off 4 feet below the ground surface if they are on land or are vibrated out if they are in the water.

**In summary**, the following work has been completed since the last project update (12/21/2016):

- All Shore Drive traffic moved to the new westbound Lesner Bridge;
- Approximately 40% of the old Lesner Bridges have been demolished;
- All wick drains located at both bridge abutments have been installed;
- All of the remaining piles for Abutment A have been driven;
- The footing for Abutment A has been completed;
- The steel reinforcing for the segment pedestal and backwall at Abutment A has been installed;
- All four drilled shafts for Pier Column #1 have been installed;
- Retaining walls for new sidewalk installed along the southeast corner of East Stratford Street and Shore Drive.

**AMI, Inc.** in Portsmouth, continues to build the superstructure of the new Lesner Bridge. **A total of 102 of the 168 segments have been cast for the new eastbound bridge.** It is expected all bridge segments for the eastbound bridge will be cast by August 2017.

Over the next two weeks, the bridge contractor will:

- Continue Bridge Demolition;
- Install the drilled shaft foundations at Pier #2;
- Complete the construction of Abutment A;
- Continue filling and grading operations at the new bridge abutments;
- Install the new traffic signal pole and foundation on the southeast corner of Shore Drive and East Stratford Street;
- Begin excavation for the leveling pad of the new MSE wall along the south side of Shore Drive between East Stratford Street and the new bridge;
- Begin installation of the steel falsework between Abutment A and Pier #1 to support the segment assembly gantry crane