

BAYFRONT ADVISORY COMMISSION
DRAFT MEETING SUMMARY
SEPTEMBER 21, 2017
VIRGINIA BEACH RESORT HOTEL &
CONFERENCE CENTER

REGULAR MEETING:

MEMBERS PRESENT:

Chairman Kal Kassir, Vice Chair Scott Ayers, Charlie Malbon, Gee Faison, Joe Bovee, Stacey Shifflet, Wally Damon, Faith Christie, Mercedes Holland (Navy)

STAFF PRESENT:

Kay Wilson – City Attorney’s Office; Mark Shea – Planning Department; Brian Solis-
Planning Department

OTHERS PRESENT:

Trish Rozanski – Bay Breeze Villas Condo, Jeff Holste – Harborview Condo’s, Grace Moran – Ocean Park, Lib Conner – Baylake Pines, Tim Solanic – Ocean Park, Elisa Morrell – Chesapeake Beach, Andrew Broyles – Ocean Park

CHAIRMAN REPORT:

Chairman Kassir gave a brief update regarding the activities of Lynnhaven River Now and the Foundation for Public Art. The bridge sculpture is closing in on its fundraising goal.

APPROVAL OF MINUTES:

Mr. Malbon made a motion to approve the minutes from the August meeting. Mr Ayers seconded the motion and the motion was approved.

STAFF REPORTS:

- Staff reported that a paddle board renting operation at Marina Shores has been placed on the Board of Zoning Appeals agenda.
- Mr. Faison asked about the resolution of the concern with the new Shore Drive entrance to the Millennium Senior Housing facility. Staff indicated that the rezoning was approved with the entrance due to the review by City Traffic Engineering office.
- Ms. Wilson gave an update on the recent application by Mr. Zinke for a Home Occupation to have gun sales at 2252 Creeks Edge Drive. The item was deferred

by the Planning Commission and will be heard by both Planning Commission and City Council in October.

- Ms. Wilson indicated that the Marina Shores rezoning has been deferred to the October Planning Commission agenda.
- Mr. Faison indicated that he was satisfied with the group approval of the new piers at the former Baylake School site as per the email from Mr. Shea.

COMMITTEE REPORTS:

Design – Mr. Bovee stated that the committee has determined the annual design award recipient. He also indicated the committee is progressing with work on the design guidelines and Waterman’s Walk plans. Ms. Christie indicated that it is her understanding that the Walk was to be funded with leftover bridge funds.

Communication – No report

Infrastructure – Mr. Solis is to give a detailed HRT presentation later in the meeting. No status on the bike rack installation. Mr. Solis indicated that the Commission may want to contact Parks and Recreation directly regarding status.

COMMUNITY REPORTS AND UPDATES:

Mr. Broyles announced that there would be a ribbon cutting for the two Ocean Park Neighborhood Identification signs at 11:30 on 9/26/17.

NEW BUSINESS:

Mr. Solis indicated that HRT was in the midst of completing a 10 year transit plan. Mr. Solis indicated that this plan would be implemented incrementally based on funding. The chief regional component is to implement six high frequency routes throughout the region as schedule reliability was the chief customer complaint. Routes of interest to the Virginia Beach Bayfront area include:

Route 35 – Proposed for year round service from Pleasure House Transfer station to the Virginia Aquarium. Mr. Solis indicated that he is proceeding to pursue funding as a **SEASONAL route next year from Pleasure House to Ruddee inlet with 30 minute service.**

Route 36 – High frequency route from Pleasure House to Town Center and TCC.

Route 1 – Little Creek to Pleasure House

Route 29 – Pleasure House to Hilltop to Oceanfront along Laskin Road.

Route 27 – Pleasure House to Newtown Road Light rail

Route 22 – Pleasure House to Newtown Road light rail via Williams Farm Rec. Center is to be discontinued due to low ridership.

There was extensive discussion regarding the marketing of routes, particularly the 35.

Mr. Solis indicated that he will be working with HRT regarding this.

Mr. Shea and Ms. Wilson discussed the development review process with BAC and everyone was in agreement that a more formalized motion was needed at the meeting for staff to communicate actions to the planning review staff. This process and action form will be further reviewed further in October. BAC members indicated that they wanted to see all items that go to Planning Commission even if the applicant does not choose to come to the BAC meeting. In addition, BAC requested that the Board of Zoning Appeals agenda be shared as an fyi item for Bayfront items

OLD BUSINESS:

There being no further business, the meeting adjourned at 5:30.