

BAYFRONT ADVISORY COMMISSION  
APPROVED MEETING SUMMARY  
MAY 18, 2017  
VIRGINIA BEACH RESORT HOTEL &  
CONFERENCE CENTER

MEMBERS PRESENT:

Chairman Kal Kassir, Vice Chair Scott Ayers, Charlie Malbon, Gee Faison, Martin Thomas, Joe Bovee, Stacey Shifflet, Wally Damon

STAFF PRESENT:

Kay Wilson – City Attorney’s Office; Mark Shea – Planning Department; Wayne Wilcox – Parks and Recreation

OTHERS PRESENT:

**REGULAR MEETING:**

CALL TO ORDER:

- Chairman Kassir welcomed members and guests;

Mr. Kassir stated that the public art foundation has raised 82% of the funds needed for the Lesner Bridge piece. A presentation will be given Monday at the Shore Drive Coalition meeting.

Mr. Malbon made a motion to approve the April minutes. Mr. Damon seconded the motion and the motion was approved 8-0

Mr. Shea stated that the CCW development associates project just west of the 7/11 and Shady Oaks on Shore Drive has been withdrawn. Ms. Wilson discussed the application process with going before the Chesapeake Bay Board and that there is not a minimum timeframe to reapply. Mr. Andrew Broyles, President of Ocean Park Civic League, spoke about the need to challenge the Army Corps of Engineers jurisdictional decision if the application comes forward again. The new Chix Beach restaurant shuttle service was announced.

Mr. Wilcox made a presentation to BAC regarding the Bikeway and Trails Plan 2017 update. He indicated that the initial public input phase is almost complete and the plan editing will begin. The optimistic schedule has Planning Commission/City Council review and adoption by November but this could likely not occur until early 2018. The Complete presentation will be posted on the BAC web page. He posed three open ended questions

for input and opened up the floor for comments.

Comments from the Commission included statements that safer crosswalks are needed throughout the Shore Drive corridor. Mr. Damon stated that he pushed hard to get a crosswalk at Greenwell along with a sidewalk to the Bayside Recreation Center. Mr. Broyles and various Commission members talked about the funded projects to install a signalized crosswalk at Shore Drive and a sidewalk along Kendall Street. Several Commission members and Mr. Broyles discussed the much needed future phase of Shore Drive improvements just west of the Lesner Bridge. The Commission emphasized the need to connect the entire length of Shore Drive with safe bicycle/pedestrian facilities and indicated that knowledge of the rules of the road is essential. The Commission asked for a copy of the various bicycle/pedestrian related laws.

Mr. Wilcox then gave the Commission a presentation regarding the Bayfront Bike Parking Study. Recommended locations in the study include three west of the Lesner Bridge and 3 east of the Lesner Bridge:

- West Ocean View
- Rokery Way
- Stratford Drive (just west of bridge)
- Jade Street
- Beech Street
- Sandalwood Street

Other locations on the east to consider were First Landing Lane, Calvert Street and Kendall Street.

The group agreed on most of the locations with one exception. Ms. Empsey Munden – President of Cape Story by the Sea Civic League stated that Beech Street was not a good location. Mr. Wilcox stated that the bike rack style would be the inverted U and that 6 locations could be funded with the upcoming year's budget.

The regular meeting adjourned at approximately 4:45. The Commission then convened the Outreach '17 public input session.