

BAYFRONT ADVISORY COMMISSION
APPROVED MEETING SUMMARY
June 15, 2017
VIRGINIA BEACH RESORT HOTEL &
CONFERENCE CENTER

The Communications committee conducted business from 2:00 to 3:15. The following members/others were in attendance:

Chairman Kassir, Vice Chairman Ayers, Gee Faison, Faith Christie, Denise Bowman Scott, Mark Shea

REGULAR MEETING:

MEMBERS PRESENT:

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

STAFF PRESENT:

Tobias Eisenlohr – City Attorney's Office; Mark Shea – Planning Department; Dave Couch – Economic Development

OTHERS PRESENT:

Denise Bowman Scott, Todd Soloman, Andrew Broyles, Tim Solanic, Jennifer Eichart, Grace Moran, Milo Wills, Robyn Bailey

CHAIRMAN REPORT:

- Chairman Kassir convened the regular meeting to order at 3:30. There being no changes the minutes were approved.
- He indicated that 85-90% of the donations were in for Mr. Lipski's canoe art project at the Lesner Bridge.
- He also indicated that the project manager for the Lesner Bridge has sent out alerts regarding the nighttime closure of the bridge for approximately 1 week (Midnight to 4 am) to move the construction gantry.

STAFF REPORTS:

- Mr. Shea stated that the Bayfront Shuttle is now operational and appears to be operating smoothly. Ridership is below HRT threshold but as HRT has geared up marketing and notification procedures, ridership should increase. The four new stops between Great Neck Road and First Landing are now operational with required ADA boarding pads.

COMMITTEE REPORTS:

- Vice Chair Ayers briefly summarized the committee meeting held at 2 pm today to summarize comments from last month's Outreach event. This public input will be summarized for City Council and help BAC develop its strategic plan for the next year. The annual strategic plan meeting will be held next month from 12-3.

COMMUNITY REPORTS AND UPDATES:

NEW BUSINESS

- **Mermaid Winery** - Jennifer Eichert appeared before the Commission to provide an overview of her Conditional Use Permit application to convert the vacant building at 4401 Shore Drive to a Winery. A question was asked about the status of the approved microbrewery at the same location. Mr. Eisenlohr stated that a property can have more than one approved CUP's and that it would be up to the owner to decide who to enter into contract with. Ms. Eichert mentioned that there would not be live music and the building will be divided to control the sound from one area to another. She stated that the sound level should not bother the neighborhood behind the building.
- A commission member stressed that she needed to make sure she had input from the neighborhood. Ms. Christie stated that the neighborhood did not have a civic league.

Chairman Kassir asked if there were any concerns from BAC members about the application. There being none, the BAC endorses this project. The application will go to Planning Commission in July.

- **Marina Shores** - Ms. Lisa Murphy and Mr. Brad Waitzer made the presentation and explained that the density has been reduced from the last submittal. Presentation boards included a site plan and building elevations. The applicants stated that a reason for the reduced density was to drop the second road extension through Long Creek Cove, which was opposed by that community. The applicant intends to redevelop the parcel by removing the dry storage and boat repair facilities, together with the fuel pumps and event, retail and office spaces and replacing them with a new 200-unit luxury apartment complex to be

operated in conjunction with the existing wet slips, pool and Surf Rider Restaurant. There will also be an approximately 4,500 square foot area (combined building interior and outside deck serving area) set aside for future development of an oyster bar/restaurant.

Chairman Kassir asked if there were any concerns from BAC members about the application. There being none, the BAC endorses this project. The application will be scheduled for Planning Commission in August.

- **Public Works Presentation** – Director Phil Davenport went through a presentation highlighting the various active and planned public works projects in the corridor. The presentation and questions/answers covered approximately one hour. This presentation will be placed on the BAC webpage for future reference.
- **Golf cart concerns on bay beaches from Mike Wills** – Mr. Wills submitted a letter and photo's to illustrate his concerns regarding the driving of golf carts on the public bay beaches. There was some discussion regarding the regulation that disabled individuals are allowed to use golf carts but that the regulation was being abused and needs to be clarified. Mr. Eisenlohr was asked to look into how the city regulation can be enforced to only include access for disabled individuals.

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