

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

REGULAR MEETING:

MEMBERS PRESENT:

Chairman Kal Kassir, Vice Chair Scott Ayers, 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; Dan Adams – Public Works, Phil Roehrs, Public Works

OTHERS PRESENT:

Denise Bowman Scott, Trish Rozanski – Bay Breeze Villas Condo, Jeff Holste – Harborview Condo’s

CHAIRMAN REPORT:

Chairman Kassir asked that the minutes from July indicate that the 2017-18 Strategic Plan is to be placed on the web page but not the Outlook '17 comments. He indicated a concern that the public will view the outreach comments as the direct views of the BAC. He also directed that the strategic plan be emailed directly to only the civic leagues that were invited to the Outreach 17. He indicated that \$80,000 has been raised for the bridge art work. He concluded his comments by announcing that Carolyn Weems is now a liaison to the BAC from the School Board.

APPROVAL OF MINUTES:

Mr. Malbon made a motion to approve the minutes subject to the adjusted language from the Chair above and completion of the sentence fragment that references the presentation by Mr. Dano, of HRSD, about their Sustainable Water Initiative for Tomorrow (SWIFT) program. Mr. Bovee seconded the motion and the motion was passed by unanimous vote.

STAFF REPORTS:

Staff reported that Mermaid Winery was recently approved by City Council. Mr. Faison

asked if staff had any information regarding the pier approval process for the new neighborhood at the former Baylake School property. Several docks have been built on unimproved lots. Mr. Shea indicated that he would look into this.

COMMITTEE REPORTS:

Design - Mr. Bovee stated that the Design committee is finalizing a list of applicants for the BAC design awards and is also putting together graphics for the Waterman's Walk design proposal to the City.

Communication – No report

Infrastructure – Mr. Malbon listened to the recent City Council presentation by Brian Solis regarding the Bayfront Shuttle. Mr. Malbon indicated that the proposal was to extend the route to the Pleasure House Transfer facility on the west end and Rudee Loop on the south end. HRT has stated that these extensions and going with 30 minute headway should substantially improve ridership. Several commissioners indicated that there was a need for improved marketing of the route. Mr. Shea mentioned that year round bus service is also slated for some improvement with the proposed HRT Transit Service Plan.

Mr. Malbon also brief BAC on Ft. Story's proposal to run a separate shuttle entirely on base to go from the gate parking lot to the Cape Henry lighthouse. Ms. Holland stated that the Navy is pursuing this shuttle based on security concerns of lighthouse visitors driving on base.

Ms. Holland indicated that the Chesapeake Beach Crawl private shuttle service has been approved to go on base at Little Creek.

COMMUNITY REPORTS AND UPDATES:

No reports

NEW BUSINESS:

Dan Adams and Phil Roehrs, from Public Works Coastal Division gave a detailed presentation that covered channel dredging, beach replenishment and the new kayak launch at Pleasure House Point. The presentation will be added to the BAC web page.

OLD BUSINESS:

There being no further business, the meeting adjourned at 5:00.