

BAYFRONT ADVISORY COMMISSION
MINUTES
AUGUST 16, 2018
VIRGINIA BEACH RESORT HOTEL &
CONFERENCE CENTER

REGULAR MEETING:

MEMBERS PRESENT:

Chairman Kal Kassir, Vice-Chair Scott Ayers, Charlie Malbon, Martin Thomas, Joe Bovee, Wally Damon, Faith Christie, Stacey Shiflet

STAFF PRESENT:

Kay Wilson – City Attorney; Mark Shea – Planning Department; Bob Trahan – STIR;
Chris Wojtowicz – Public Works

OTHERS PRESENT:

Denise Bowman Scott; Phil Davenport; Jeff Holste – Harbor View; Robyn Bailey –
Chesapeake Beach; Billy Garrington – agent for Dockside

APPROVAL OF MINUTES:

Mr. Malbon made a motion to approve the minutes from 7/19/18. Mr. Ayers seconded the motion and the motion was approved.

CHAIRMAN REPORT:

Chairman Kassir called the meeting to order and gave a brief summary of the Strategic Planning session that concluded prior to the start of the regular meeting (please see separate notes regarding strategic planning session). The Virginia Beach Dept. of Cultural Affairs and Chris Wojtowicz were congratulated regarding the highly successful installation of the Art sculpture last weekend on the west side of the Lesner Bridge.

STAFF REPORTS:

No reports

COMMITTEE REPORTS:

Design – Mr. Bovee indicated that he has reviewed the 90% design drawings for Shore Drive Phase III and he indicated that there was still a concern with the drainage lake adjacent to Page Avenue and potential loss of trees. Chris Wojtowicz indicated that there

are plans to save the live oaks but other trees (mainly pines) will need to be removed. Mr. Shea will provide the landscaping sheet from the Phase III set of plans. The BAC inquired about when Mr. Purcell can give a Phase III update.

Communication – No report

Infrastructure – Mr. Malbon reported that a van shuttle operation from the Atlantic Avenue gate to the Cape Henry Lighthouse will begin this fall. This shuttle is the result of collaboration between the City, The Navy, and Preservation Virginia. Commission members were pleased with this development but expressed a desire for a direct connection with the Bayfront Shuttle, operated by HRT. Mr. Shea stated that currently one would have to walk from the HRT bus stops on 81st/82nd streets to the Ft. Story gate to utilize the shuttle. Mr. Shea will check with Brian Solis, Transportation and Transit Manager with the City for an update.

COMMUNITY COMMENTS:

NEW BUSINESS:

Mr. Billy Garrington gave a presentation regarding an upcoming Conditional Use Permit application that will be before Planning Commission on 9/12/18. 2 new floating piers, new docks and boat storage are planned for the Dockside restaurant and marina, at 3311 Shore Drive. The accompanying parking study indicates that there will be a surplus of 8 parking spaces after the improvements are complete. There will be no boat repair. The Commission unanimously supported the application as being consistent with the Bayfront guidelines.

OLD BUSINESS:

Chris Wojtowicz gave the Commission a brief update regarding the Lesner Bridge. He indicated that there would be a ribbon cutting on 11/7/18.

Mr. Wojtowicz also gave an update status on the Waterman's Walk project as the Board was privy to several emails regarding the status of the project in the couple of weeks prior to this meeting. Some of the key points include the following:

- In regards to funding, the bridge contracts will be closed out and then the City will know how many funds could be available;
- Mr. Shea indicated that no street closure application had been submitted;
- Having a boardwalk on the southeast side of the bridge would be useful for bridge maintenance, public safety, and access to the restaurants. The City will need 20' of right of way for bridge maintenance;
- Security issues, raised by the Pilot Association could potentially be solved with 8' block wall and chain link fence with electric gate;
- The City can build 10-12 parking spaces;

- The walkway will cost approximately \$500,000;

Mr. Kassir concluded the meeting at 4:47 and indicated that October would be the last meeting at the Virginia Beach Hotel and Conference Center. In November the meeting will be held at the Virginia Beach Tennis and Country Club, 1950 Thomas Bishop Lane.