

**BAYFRONT ADVISORY COMMISSION
APPROVED MINUTES
OCTOBER 17, 2019
BAYSIDE RECREATION CENTER**

Chairman Kal Kassir, Vice Chair Charlie Malbon, Wally Damon, Stacey Shiflet, Gee Faison, Phil Davenport, Mercedes Holland Navy, Martin Thomas, Joe Bovee

STAFF PRESENT:

Mark Shea – Planning, Victoria Rice – City Attorney, Mark Johnson – Public Works

OTHERS PRESENT:

Jeff Holste - Harbor View, Todd Solomon – Shore Drive Community Coalition, Empsey Munden – Cape Story by the Bay

APPROVAL OF MINUTES:

Mr. Malbon made a motion to approve the minutes with a couple of changes suggested by Chairman Kassir. Ms. Shiflet seconded the motion and the motion was approved.

CHAIRMAN REPORT:

- Chair Kassir spoke to the Lions Club about bayfront activities
- Chair Kassir gave a summary of the recent briefing to the City Council liaisons and senior staff. At the meeting, he placed emphasis on the Waterman’s Walk and Shore Drive Phase IV projects. Vice-Chair Malbon continued with discussion of the lack of sidewalk on the south side of Shore Drive from Marlin Bay to the bridge and status of the city marina project. These topics relate to the presentation later this afternoon by Public Works Director Mark Johnson.

NAVY UPDATE:

- Ms. Holland gave an update on the Joint Land Use Study and mentioned that the number two priority was to keep Shore Drive from flooding. The study recommends leveraging state and federal funds with local sources. Ms. Holland will give a presentation to BAC in the near future.

• **STAFF REPORTS:**

- Mr. Shea updated the Commission that Windsong Apartments would not need to come back to BAC, but he has not seen placement on the Planning Commission agenda. Mr. Davenport mentioned that direct discharge to the area lakes will be difficult for approval.

COMMITTEE REPORTS:

Design – Ms. Shiflet and Ms. Goodale will be meeting to discuss Love Art application. Mike Moore was designated by Ocean Park to work on project. The state grant will run through the Ocean Park CL budget.

Communication – No Report

Infrastructure – No Report

PRESENTATIONS:

Public Works Transportation

Mr. Johnson gave a summary presentation of all the active capital projects. He indicated that Shore Drive Phase III has been pushed back 18 months to August 2021 due to delays with utility design and right of way action. He indicated that the May 31 tragedy has caused staffing issues. The signal at Shore Drive and East Stratford is essentially finished. Staff is currently looking at the sidewalk gap on the south side of Shore Drive to the west of the Lesner Bridge. Staff is also looking to tie the Waterman's Walk design to the Shore Drive Phase III design. Public Works will investigate how the Pilot's Association received approval for the gate. Mr. Johnson plans to give presentations related to beach replenishment and stormwater/sea level rise at later dates.

Comprehensive Plan

Mr. Shea gave a brief presentation regarding the Comprehensive Plan. He showed the 1.5-minute video and discussed the survey instrument that will be live until 11/27/19. The hope is to adopt the plan in early, 2021. Commissioners had the following input:

- Need commercial guidelines for Shore Drive
- Lots are not deep enough for substantial new development
- Flag lots are difficult to develop
- There is a need for more child care options
- All Shore Drive area schools will soon have all day kindergarten
- Chick's Beach shopping center remodel project was nice but needs more landscaping.

OLD BUSINESS:

Need a scooter update. Mercedes offered to give presentation on Joint Land Use Study. Ms. Munden and Mr. Soloman stated that fireworks were on hold until they hear back from Dominion Fireworks.

NEW BUSINESS:

Mr. Shea stated that Planning staff will give a presentation next month regarding the 5G tower design guidelines.

ADJOURNMENT:

There being no other business the meeting adjourned at 5:30 p.m.