

BAYFRONT ADVISORY COMMISSION
APPROVED MINUTES
March 18, 2021
VIA WEBEX

Vice-Chair Bob Magoon, Charlie Malbon, Wally Damon, Bill Hearst, Bob Magoon, Stacy Shiflet, Frank Rabina, Earnest McDonald, Charles Guthrie, Council Member Wood

STAFF/PRESENT:

Mark Shea – Planning, Kay Wilson – City Attorney, Bobby Tajan – Planning Director, Hoa Doa, Planning, Daniel Adams – Public Works, James White – Public Works, Rommel Tomayo – Public Works, Robin Hart – Planning,

OTHERS PRESENT:

Todd Solomon – Shore Drive Community Coalition, Empsy Munden – Cape Story by the Sea, Joe Bovee (BAC Design Committee), Martha Therault, Rick Browles – Thalia, Frank Rabina – Virginia Pilot’s Association, Dan Murphy – Ocean Park, Trish Rozanski, Doug Norris – Ship’s Watch, Bryan Miller, John Harbin, Grady Palmer – Attorney for Overture, Tuck Bowie – Overture, Janet Pawlukiewi, Jamie Chason, Jeff Holste, Richard King, Nadine Costenbader, Herrlko, Tim Solonic, Ralph Dickerson, Nicole Merklings, Andrea Lindemann, Barb Sherrill, Marina Liacouras

APPROVAL OF MINUTES:

Mr. Malbon made a motion to approve the February minutes, Mr. Damon seconded the motion and the motion was approved by unanimous vote.

CHAIRMAN REPORT:

No reports

STAFF REPORTS:

- Marina Shores approved by City Council.
- 7/Eleven 11 at Shore/Pleasure House going to city Council on 4/20 with short term rentals
- Reported out on pre-submittals, Chesapeake Bay and Board of Zoning Appeal applications.
- The Shore Drive Corridor Plan/Design Guidelines update project was submitted for inclusion in the 2021-22 Capital Improvement Program. The City Manager proposed budget is expected in mid-March. We will update the Commission on the status after the proposed budget is released.

COMMITTEE REPORTS:

Design: No Report

Transportation/Infrastructure: Mr. Malbon mentioned that Traffic Engineering will be conducting a signal warrant study for the intersection of Great Neck Road and Lynnhaven Drive.

PRESENTATIONS:

Sand Replenishment projects – Dan Adams

Updated presentation that was given to community and City Council in fall of 2020. Talked about obtaining sand from Norfolk Harbor Dredging project. The project should start in 11/21. Allowing for flexibility in delivering project. Ocean Park needs 310,000 CY and Cape Henry 245,000. No need for harbor sand at Chesapeake Beach. This sand should be 50% less than the typical contracts. Comfortable with sand quality due to investigative work. We will get between 400-800k, depending on whether Norfolk asks to participate. First 400k will go to Ocean Park and then Cape Henry can use sand stored at Maple Street. Entire project should be completed by 8/22. He continued the presentation by pointing out beach characteristics using drone footage.

Mr. Rabena asked about Lynnhaven Inlet dredging. Mr. Adams said ACOE is planning to continue but need to reach out to them about activities.

Ms. Pawlukiewi asked about whether there would be any dune restoration. Mr. Adams said that there would be in specific areas in Ocean Park and Cape Story but not near the inlet.

Mr. Solomon asked if Maple Street would be an in house project in the future. Why can't we use sand to get started on Ocean Park. Mr. Adams stated that the sand at Maple St. should be held for emergencies. He also said that we did not have a dredge for beach restoration.

Mr. Damon asked about spreading sand on private property. How is this determined? Mr. Adams said it is only placed on public beach. Ms. Wilson said all beaches are public regarding sand. Baylake Beach public/private question has not been resolved.

Ms. Munden said there is a strong need to replace sand near Lesner Bridge. She also asked if we could finish sand earlier than schedule.

Mr. Solomon asked about emergency use of the sand.

Vice-Chair Magoon thanked Mr. Adams for the presentation.

Overture Sign

Mr. Robby Roach, landscape architect, for Overture owner spoke instead of Mr. Palmer.

The owners just bought additional property from Bishard which enables a better place for a monument type sign visible from the intersection at Shore Drive. They are avoiding the Live Oaks.

Mr. Chason talked a little more of the sign details and said he is available for questions.

Mr. Malbon asked as to whether the sign would be illuminated, and the answer was that there would not be any. There also would be no impact to the "osprey public art".

Mr. Magoon mentioned that the sign will conceal the generator. It is good to have taken the sign of the knoll in the formerly approved position.

Mr. Shea stated that the BAC does need to vote as to whether the sign is consistent with the guidelines. Mr. Magoon was confused as to whether the sign was already approved, and we are just looking at location. The applicant stated that both need approval.

Mr. Tajan stated that a condition needed to be changes to allow the sign. Staff was not sure why the condition was in placed.

Mr. Magoon asked about the size and what guidelines said.

Mr. Shea looked up what the guidelines said and indicated that the height should not exceed 8' and width 8'. The Board interpreted width as actually being length.

Mr. Hearst asked about what would happen if the two other adjacent developments.

Mr. Magoon asked for public comments. Mr. Solomon agreed with Vice Chair Magoon's interpretation.

Mr. Malbon made motion to conditionally approve the sign location as shown and same design with condition that length would be 8' instead of 14' to be in keeping with the guidelines. Ms. Shiflet seconded the motion and the motion was approved.

NEW BUSINESS:

Mr. Magoon briefly discussed the City's façade grant program. He would like to implement this along Shore Drive. Froggie's was the first on Shore Drive to seek an application. Ms. Shiflet talked with Lynnhaven River Now for landscape matching funds for a variety of areas along Shore Drive.

OLD BUSINESS:

There was a staff meeting on site. Inspector and Risk Manager did not have problem but need to get final approval from Parks.

COMMUNITY REPORTS:

Mr. Solomon had the following comments:

- He mentioned that the Cape Story overlay was shrunken. Mr. Solomon reiterated that Cape Story by the Sea was still against having an overlay along Shore Drive.

Ms. Wilson talked about the details of the ordinance and overlays. The only permitted area is in the resort district and the other overlays will require conditional use permits.

Council Member Wood said he did not support moving forward with the East Shore Drive Short Term Rental Overlay.

Mr. Holste made a comment that Point Chesapeake already has a great looking sign.

There being no further business, the meeting adjourned at 5:15