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Thursday, July 18, 2019

3:30 p.m.

Virginia Beach Tennis and Country Club
1950 Thomas Bishop Lane

CALL TO ORDER

APPROVAL OF MINUTES

Minutes from 7/18/19

CHAIRMAN'S REPORT

Welcome guests and introductions - Kal Kassir, Chair

STAFF REPORTS & UPDATES

COMMITTEE REPORTS & UPDATES

Design – Joe Bovee

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Public Safety, Transit, Parking & Pedestrian Access – Charles Malbon

PROJECT BRIEFING

OLD BUSINESS

- Update on Cape Henry beach replenishment
- Review of July Strategic Planning Session (see attachments)

NEW BUSINESS

- Input presentation regarding electric scooters, Brian Solis, Assistant to the City Manager

COMMUNITY REPORTS & UPDATES

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One dredge wraps up; another planned

With one Bayfront dredging project nearly complete, another – Lynnhaven Drive Canal – is scheduled for a public information meeting next week.

The public meeting, which is scheduled from 5 to 7 p.m. Tuesday, Aug. 20, at the First Landing Fire and Rescue Station, 2837 Shore Drive, will include city and contractor representatives for the dredging. That project is slated from Oct. 30 to Dec .31 and involves the canal between Cape Henry Drive south to Lynnhaven Drive.

The goal of this is for interim flood-control drainage improvements for the Lynnhaven Drive Canal before permanent ones for Lynnhaven Colony happen, the city wrote in a July 24 notice to affected property owners.

Dredging work will mainly be within the city drainage easement and right-of-way but will include traffic control on Lynnhaven Drive during construction -- 9 a.m. to 4 p.m. Mondays through Saturday.



Survey deadline Friday

Friday is the deadline for citizens to participate in an online survey by the city’s Parks and Recreation Department on its 2020 “Active Transportation Plan.” The plan will focus on promoting safety and accessibility of walking and bicycling in Virginia Beach. The survey invites residents to provide feedback on their bicycling and walking habits, and it also includes an interactive map that will help determine where the greatest needs exist for a pedestrian and bicycle network throughout the city. To access the survey, click here https://tooledesign.github.io/5538.02_VAB_participation_map/

Shore Drive paving starts

Virginia Beach Public Works says milling and paving overnight on Shore Drive between Lesner Bridge and Greenwell Road in both directions will happen between 7 p.m. and 5 a.m. until Friday, Sept. 20, weather permitting.

The project likely will produce traffic delays, congestion and some construction noise. Warning signs will be posted of lane closures. Traffic should to use other routes when possible.

Virginia Paving is the contractor for the project. For additional information, contact Lonnie Minson with Virginia Paving at (757) 675-8714, or Dennis Simon.



Committee to mull dog law

The Virginia Beach Police Department is forming a committee to examine the city's so-called leash laws and make recommendations to the city council as to whether and where they should be changed, the Bayfront Advisory Commission was told last month.

Citizen Grace Moran expressed concern that any committee looking at this hot-button topic "has a fair and balanced" composition. A staff proposal to regulate dogs on city property was withdrawn earlier this year in the face of sharply divided public comment.

Council member Rosemary Wilson commented that "all the beaches aren't the same" and that the committee looking at this issue "needs representation from all beach areas...Every beach is going to be represented.

The controversy arose after several reports of loose dogs attacking other dogs and beach-goers. Current city code restricts where and when dogs are allowed on public beaches, particularly between Memorial Day and Labor Day. And even then, animals are required to be "under the control" of their owners or walkers – a provision that many contend is unenforceable.

City wants input on regulating electric scooters

City officials are making the rounds of neighborhood and civic groups to gather information and comment about the sudden appearance of electric scooters on or near public roads. The BAC will hear a presentation and hear opinions at its Thursday meeting.



Planning agency seeks input on sea-level rise

The Hampton Roads Planning District Commission (HRPDC) has issued the draft Hampton Roads Region – Norfolk and Virginia Beach Joint Land Use Study (JLUS) for public review and comment and will be holding a public meeting at 6p.m. Tuesday, Aug. 13, in the Miller Theatre at Sandler Center

The Norfolk and Virginia Beach JLUS is the result of a cooperative planning process among Norfolk, Virginia Beach, and four U.S. Navy Installations in Hampton Roads: Joint Expeditionary Base Little Creek-Fort Story, Naval Air Station Oceana, Naval Station Norfolk, and Naval Support Activity Hampton Roads.

The study specifically considers how flooding and sea level rise affect community assets and infrastructure and how those effects impact military operations and readiness in Hampton Roads. The study identifies several projects and policies that the cities can pursue to mitigate the adverse impacts of flooding and sea level rise on Navy operations.

For more information or to review the draft Hampton Roads Region - Norfolk and Virginia Beach Joint Land Use Study, click here <https://www.hrpdcva.gov/departments/joint-land-use-studies/norfolk-va-beach-joint-land-use-study/> or contact Ben McFarlane, HRPDC Senior Regional Planner, at (757) 420-8300 or bmcfarlane@hrpdcva