

BAYFRONT ADVISORY COMMISSION
DRAFT MEETING SUMMARY
OCTOBER 19, 2017
VIRGINIA BEACH RESORT HOTEL &
CONFERENCE CENTER

REGULAR MEETING:

MEMBERS PRESENT:

Vice Chair Scott Ayers, Charlie Malbon, Gee Faison, Joe Bovee, Wally Damon, Faith Christie, Joe Miller, Bruce Widener (First Landing State Park)

STAFF PRESENT:

Tobias Eisenlohr – City Attorney’s Office; Mark Shea – Planning Department

OTHERS PRESENT:

Trish Rozanski – Bay Breeze Villas Condo, Grace Moran – Ocean Park, Andrew Broyles – Ocean Park, Karen Forget – Lynnhaven River Now, Larry Harvath, Baylake Pines, Dell Young – Baylake Pines, Jason Barney – Envision 2040, David Weiner – Envision 2040, Bob Magoon – Envision 2040, Joe Voorhees – Vision 2040

CHAIRMAN REPORT:

Vice Chair Ayers called the meeting to order. Chairman Kassir was unable to attend due to a family event out of town. Vice Chair Ayers presented Bruce Widener with a plaque for the BAC annual design award. The award was for the renovation of the Trails Visitor Center. Mr. Widener expressed his appreciation and continued support of the BAC. Mr. Malbon also expressed appreciation that the park worked with the City and HRT to allow the Bayfront Shuttle to have a stop within the campground parking lot.

APPROVAL OF MINUTES:

Mr. Malbon made a motion to approve the minutes from the August meeting. Mr. Damen seconded the motion and the motion was approved.

STAFF REPORTS:

Mr. Shea gave a brief update on development items. The Marina Shores rezoning will be heard by City Council November 21, 2017 and City Council approved the gun sales home occupation at 2252 Creeks Edge Drive. Mr. Shea provided the BAC with the Board of Zoning Appeals agenda with his agenda email transmittal.

Mr. Eisenlohr updated the BAC on the development item form. He will write down all BAC comments and concerns for transmittal to Planning Department staff and will summarize at the meeting to make sure that everything is documented correctly. BAC members were agreeable to this approach and the new form will be ready by the next meeting.

COMMITTEE REPORTS:

Design – No report

Communication – No report

Infrastructure – No report

COMMUNITY REPORTS AND UPDATES:

No reports

NEW BUSINESS:

Mr. Shea introduced Mr. David Weiner, Planning Commissioner and member of the Envision 2040 committee. Mr. Weiner then proceeded to introduce committee members Mr. Bob Magoon, Mr. Jason Barney and Mr. Joe Voorhees. Mr. Voorhees then gave an outreach presentation regarding the mission of the Envision 2040 Committee. Mr. Voorhees went over the six subject areas of focus for the committee: Connected Community; Learning Community; Diverse Community; Unique Environment; Active Lifestyle; and Thriving Economy. After the presentation the floor was opened for questions and discussions. Mr. Damon stated that there has been a sizable increase in the elderly population along Shore Drive, particularly with recent approval of Senior Housing projects. He has a concern with the evacuation needs during storm events. Mr. Broyles stated that there is a need to focus on the needs of existing neighborhoods. Mr. Ayers talked about the need for greater regionalism. Mr. Shea indicated that the report and work from the Envision 2040 Committee was helpful with the drafting of the most recent Comprehensive Plan and with the submittal of grant applications.

Mr. Widener and Ms. Karen Forget presented plans to the BAC regarding the planned \$100,000 reconstruction of the 64th Street parking area at First landing State Park. Ms. Forget has coordinated private donations to fund the first phase of construction with landscaping. BAC members expressed support of the planning efforts.

Ms. Christie asked if the Planning Dept. Design Services Center staff could be briefed regarding the Bayfront design guidelines.

OLD BUSINESS:

Representatives of the various civic leagues brought up recent activity regarding Event House and Air B and B. The Virginia Beach Council of Civic Organizations is meeting this evening to discuss the issue in more detail. Mr. Eisenlohr gave a brief synopsis of the City efforts to craft an ordinance and indicated that it is still not ready for Planning Commission/City Council review.

There being no further business, the meeting adjourned at 5:30.