

BAYFRONT ADVISORY COMMISSION
FINAL MEETING SUMMARY
February 15, 2018
VIRGINIA BEACH RESORT HOTEL &
CONFERENCE CENTER

REGULAR MEETING:

MEMBERS PRESENT:

Chairman Kal Kassir, Charlie Malbon, Gee Faison, Wally Damon, Faith Christie, Joe Miller, Stacey Shiflet, Martin Thomas, Joe Bovee, Mercedes Holland (Navy)

STAFF PRESENT:

Tobias Eisenlohr – City Attorney’s Office; Mark Shea – Planning Department; Phil Roehrs – Public Works; Captain Ronan - Police

OTHERS PRESENT:

Denise Bowman Scott, Trish Rozanski – Bay Breeze Villas Condo, Grace Moran – Ocean Park, Jeff Holste – Harbor View, Robyn Bailey – Chesapeake Beach, Empsy Munden – Cape Story by the Sea, David Williams – SDCC, Mellissa Pulling, Kathy Damon, Curtis Bailey, Denise Baurendengraft

CHAIRMAN REPORT:

Chairman Kassir called the meeting to order. He acknowledged that it has been a while since the BAC has met. BAC typically takes off in December and the January meeting was cancelled due to snow and a lack of agenda items.

Chairman Kassir talked about advocacy regarding the funding for Shore Drive Phase IV and he talked about the recent meeting with Vice-Mayor Jones and Council Member Wood. The BAC letter of support for funding was sent to City Council and the City Manager. The City Manager responded that funding was not available in the FY18-19 budget currently under consideration.

APPROVAL OF MINUTES:

Chair Kassir mentioned that there were two typos. Mr. Malbon made a motion to approve the minutes from the November, 2017 meeting with the changes. Mr. Damon seconded the motion and the motion was approved. Mr. Shea will make the change for the Approved minutes.

STAFF REPORTS:

Various BAC members and the public discussed recent issues with aggressive panhandling in the area with Captain Ronan. He asked that all instances be phoned in to the Second Precinct.

There were no other staff items.

COMMITTEE REPORTS:

Design – Ms. Christie indicated that she is working on the text of the design guidelines.

Communication – Mr. Faison applauded the work of volunteer Denise Scott with the recent newsletter publications.

Infrastructure – Mr. Malbon mentioned that a meeting has been scheduled to discuss the Bayfront Shuttle (Route 35) plans for the coming summer. He will give an update at the next meeting. Ms. Holland gave a brief update regarding the shuttle proposal at Fort Story to get the lighthouse visitors from the front gate to the lighthouse.

NEW BUSINESS:

Mr. Roehrs, from Public Works, gave a 20 minute presentation regarding the Lynnhaven Municipal Wharf. The briefing provided information regarding a proposed state permit modification request to allow the wharf mooring station to remain in place for various municipal uses. The wharf is currently operating with a temporary permit for use during the bridge construction. The current permit is set to expire unless a new modified permit is issued. There was about 30 minutes of questions/answers regarding the presentation related primarily as to whether there were environmental impacts. Mr. Roehrs indicated that there would be more impacts in removing the wharf as opposed to leaving it in its current location. He also gave information related to how frequently the wharf would be used as a dredge material transfer station as there are others existing/planned elsewhere in the Lynnhaven watershed. Other beneficial uses of the wharf include use for mooring research and survey vessels, public safety response, facilitating oyster reef restoration. Mr. Roehrs stated that the City would comply with any environmental regulations required by the Virginia (A copy of the presentation will be posted on the City's Bayfront Advisory Commission webpage.

OLD BUSINESS:

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