

**BAYFRONT ADVISORY COMMISSION  
APPROVED MINUTES  
AUGUST 15, 2019  
VIRGINIA BEACH TENNIS AND COUNTRY CLUB**

Chairman Kal Kassir, Vice Chairman Charlie Malbon, Wally Damon, Stacey Shiflet, Gee Faison, Martin Thomas, Scott Ayers, Phil Davenport, Joe Bovee, Eitan Altshuler - Navy

**STAFF PRESENT:**

Mark Shea – Planning, Victoria Rice – City Attorney, Kathy Warren – SGA Manager, Brian Solis – City Manager’s Office

**OTHERS PRESENT:**

Denise Bowman-Scott – BAC Volunteer Empsy Munden – Cape Story by the Sea, Jeff Holste - Harbor View, Joseph Picrzymski, Todd Solomon – Shore Drive Community Coalition, Raymie Shelton, Doug Norris – Ships Watch, John Reid, Bernadette Carrick – CBBS, Norm Carrick -CBBS,

**CHAIRMAN REPORT:**

Chairman Kassir called the meeting to order at 3:30 p.m. He thanked Denise Bowman-Scott for the excellent newsletter this month. He welcomed Kathy Warren and Brian Solis to the meeting.

**APPROVAL OF MINUTES:**

Mr. Thomas made a motion to approve the minutes with a couple of changes to the attendance list. Mr. Malbon seconded the motion and the motion was approved.

**STAFF REPORTS:**

Mr. Shea briefly discussed the Northampton/Shore Drive intersection. Commission members expressed dissatisfaction regarding the email from Parks and Recreation indicating that there would not be more than enhanced moving in the area. Mr. Ayers felt like flowers could certainly be possible and asked Mr. Bovee as to whether he could provide a conceptual design. Mr. Bovee agreed to look at this in conjunction with plans from Cultural Affairs for murals underneath the bridge. Commission members also expressed the need for a larger welcome sign on Route 13.

**COMMITTEE REPORTS:**

**Design** – Mr. Bovee continued by stating that we need to nail down the exact site for the

Love Art near Shore Drive and Marlin Bay Lane.

Mr. Bovee continued by stating that he attended the Joint Land Use Study between the Navy, Norfolk and Virginia Beach. The project is coordinated by the Hampton Roads Planning District Commission. The report lists provides 22 prioritized actions. Shore Drive ranked #2 as most needed.

A committee meeting was held with Mr. Bovee, Mr. Thomas and Ms. Shiflet to discuss the project details with Ms. Goodale of Virginia Beach Cultural Affairs staff. Mr. Shea distributed a sample RFP for design services from Cultural Affairs. Ms. Shiflet stated that the State would funnel \$1500 of reimbursement through the city. Any remaining costs would have to be through fund raising. Ms. Shiflet also mentioned that Ms. Goodale was working on a mural project for underneath the Route 13 bridge at Shore Drive.

Mr. Shea will work with Mr. Bovee to schedule a second meeting of the committee.

**Communication** – No Report

**Infrastructure** – No Report

PRESENTATIONS:

Mr. Davenport briefed the Commission on the latest status of beach replenishment efforts. The current dredging project to provide the sand is complete and the wider beach ends just east of the old VB Resort Hotel. Several Commissioners praised the contractors for the product and their friendliness. However, members expressed frustration with project updates.

Chairman Kassir asked for a committee to be formed to finalize the strategic plan. He suggested himself, Vice Chair Malbon, Scott Ayers, and others that were interested. Mr. Shea will set up meeting to be held at Mr. Ayers office.

Mr. Solis gave a presentation for input on the electric scooter issue. He gave a similar presentation to RAC and SDCC in July. Here are some of the comments:

- Shore Drive bike paths and lanes lacked connectivity and were therefore, a dangerous place for scooters.
- There is a need for designated scooter parking places
- Should be banned at night
- Good behavior should be incentivized, and bad behavior punished by scooter company
- A video of rules of road should be provided
- Rear view mirrors should be installed
- Need tail lights
- Ban in work zones
- Provide a maximum number

After extensive discussion, Chair Kassir asked if the committee to look at the Strategic Plan could also formulate BAC's position on scooters for City Council's consideration regarding the Shore Drive area. The Strategic Plan and Scooter recommendations will come back to the full Commission in September.

COMMUNITY COMMENTS:

Ms. Munden stated that she has spoken with the Army about potential use of their barge. Chairman Kassir stated that he is in discussion with Council Member Wood regarding the potential for city participation given the offer of the barge from the Navy.

NEW BUSINESS:

Mr. Shea indicated that the Bayfront Advisory Commission meeting will begin meeting at the **Bayside Recreation Center, Room 6 on September 19, 2019**

ADJOURNMENT:

There being no other business the meeting adjourned at 4:45 p.m.