

**BAYFRONT ADVISORY COMMISSION
APPROVED MINUTES
AUGUST 20, 2020
OCEAN PARK FIRE AND RESCUE SQUAD**

Chairman Phil Davenport, Vice Chairman Charlie Malbon, Wally Damon, Bill Hearst, Martin Thomas, Morgan Ayers, Bob Magoon, Stacy Shiflet

STAFF PRESENT:

Mark Shea – Planning, Victoria Eisenberg – City Attorney

OTHERS PRESENT:

Todd Solomon – Shore Drive Community Coalition, Empsy Munden – Cape Story by the Sea, Tim Solanic – Shore Drive Community Coalition, Jeff Holste, Harbor View, Marina Liacouras – Ship’s Watch, Joe Bovee – Design Committee, Dick Malla – Seagate Colony, Mary Sykes – Ocean Shores Condominium, Paul Shubert – Ocean Park, Frank Rabena – Virginia Pilot’s Association

APPROVAL OF MINUTES:

Mr. Davenport called the meeting to order. Vice Chair Malbon made a motion to approve the minutes, Mr. Magoon seconded the motion and the motion was approved by unanimous vote.

CHAIRMAN REPORT:

Chairman Davenport stated that the September 17, 2020 meeting will start at 2:30 p.m. for the purpose of prioritizing topics discussed with the strategic planning session from earlier today.

Chairman Davenport continued by informing the Commission that he spoke with a couple members of City Council about the recent letter request for BAC to reconsider the Westminster-Canterbury application. The Council members stated that they did not want the BAC to weigh in again but from here forward to present City Council with a clear action regarding future applications.

The Commission then discussed whether an action should be taken or not at the meeting. There were clear statements by several members that the Westminster Canterbury application was not in keeping with the Shore Drive Corridor Plan and Guidelines.

STAFF REPORTS:

Mr. Shea stated that there was one minor Board of Zoning application for September and that a Street Closure for Commonwealth Brewing Company, 2244 Pleasure House Road and Marlin Bay Apartments are on the tentative October 14, 2020 Planning Commission agenda.

Mr. Shea announced that former Commissioner Bovee was present and is staying on the Design Committee as a volunteer. Mr. Shea stated that there are currently no members or volunteer signed up for the Communications Committee. Former Commissioner Faison stated that he would follow up with individuals who may be interested with the newsletter.

COMMITTEE REPORTS:

Vice-Chair Malbon asked staff to look into a couple of signal timing issues along Shore Drive. There were no other committee reports.

Ms. Shiflet stated that an artist should be announced by September for the Love Art sign.

PUBLIC COMMENTS:

Mr. Rebena introduced himself as a representative from the Virginia Pilot's Association. He will be available to the Commission as a future resource.

Todd Solomon, Emsy Munden, Tim Solanic, Marina Liacouras, Dick Malla, and Mary Sykes all made comments of concern regarding the height of the Westminster-Canterbury expansion. The chief concerns expressed included the impact on the existing character of Shore Drive, the future precedent of the 22 story tower and impact on migratory birds.

A specific question was asked as to whether Westminster-Canterbury had submitted a new application. Mr. Shea looked into this after the meeting and the new information was related to plan revisions due to citizen input at the Planning Commission and not an entirely new application.

CONTINUED BAC DISCUSSION:

BAC membership further discussed if and what further action they should take regarding Westminster Canterbury. Ms. Eisenberg stated that the board is ok legally to continue correspondence with City Council but should make recommendations based on the Corridor Plan and Design Guidelines.

Mr. Magoon made a motion to simply forward to City Council a copy of page 111 of the Corridor Plan and indicate in the transmittal letter that the application was not in keeping with the Corridor Plan guidelines (see sketch and description at bottom of page). Mr.

Thomas seconded the motion and the motion was approved unanimously.

Mr. Davenport directed Mr. Shea to contact Mr. Roehrs about an update regarding sand replenishment.

There being no further business, the meeting adjourned at 5:00 p.m.