

**BAYFRONT ADVISORY COMMISSION
APPROVED MINUTES
SEPTEMBER 19, 2019
BAYSIDE RECREATION CENTER**

Chairman Kal Kassir, Vice Chairman Charlie Malbon, Wally Damon, Stacey Shiflet, Gee Faison, Scott Ayers, Phil Davenport, Mercedes Holland Navy, Eitan Altshuler - Navy

STAFF PRESENT:

Mark Shea – Planning, Victoria Rice – City Attorney, Brian Solis – City Manager’s Office. Elaine Linn – Parks and Recreation, Nina Goodale – Cultural Affairs

OTHERS PRESENT:

Denise Bowman-Scott – BAC Volunteer, Jeff Holste - Harbor View, Todd Solomon – Shore Drive Community Coalition, Doug Norris – Ships Watch, Trish Rozanski – Bay Breeze Villas Condo, Hope Wright – Tranquility by the Bay, R.J. Nutter – Troutman and Saunders, Jeremy Moss – Bonaventure, J.P. Holland – Bonaventure

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.

CHAIRMAN REPORT:

Chairman Kassir discussed the following:

- Finalized Strategic Plan
- Met with Tuck Bowie (from Point Chesapeake). He is a supporter of the Waterman’s Walk project. Also met with Council Member Jim Wood who is looking into how a gate was installed across public right of way leading to the Pilot Association building.
- Faith received appointment to the Police Task Force regarding dog’s on City beaches. The next meeting on this is Monday
- Scooter position draft from committee meeting during August.

STAFF REPORTS:

- Mr. Shea reported out for Joe Bovee about field visit to determine precise location of Love Art. He stated that the sign would be adjacent to the first right turn lane arrow on Shore Drive eastbound to Marlin Bay Drive. Ms,Shiflet followed up by mentioning that she is working with the Ocean Park Civic League to potentially be

- a co-sponsor and grant pass through group.
- Ms. Goodale and Mr. Shea spoke regarding the proposed mural to be on the columns of the Route 13 bridge over Shore Drive. This project will require aesthetic/safety enhancements by the City.

COMMITTEE REPORTS:

Design – Reports covered by staff

Communication – No Report

Infrastructure – No Report

PRESENTATIONS:

Active Transportation Plan

Ms. Linn gave an update on the Active Transportation Plan process. The kick off was last Spring and the survey became active in mid-summer and just closed. They are moving into the plan development phase. Commissioner's gave the following input:

- Strong support for Waterman's walk project
- Support for facilities along the entire length of Shore Drive. The greatest need is for the segment on the south side of Shore Drive from Marlin Bay Drive to the east west end of the Lesner Bridge. There is a need to construct the sidewalk prior to the remainder of Phase IV.

Windsong Apartments

Mr. Moss and Mr. Holland gave an update on the redevelopment project for the Windsong Apartments. This item was heard by BAC earlier in the year. Due to concerns from the Chesapeake Beach Civic League, modifications to the development plan have been made as follows:

- Total number of units reduced from 432 to 411. **There are 272 existing units.**
- Reduced the total frontage of units on Pleasure House by leaving a couple single family structures. Located the greatest density areas towards Route 13.
- Birdsong house was saved.
- 5 new buildings, 4 back up to Route 13
- Construct sidewalk gap along Pleasure House Road
- Hired Timmons Group to look at traffic. They concluded that there was not an adverse impact. Have talked with City to restripe Pleasure House turn lane at Shore Drive to allow for more stacking.
- May ask for direct ramp approval onto Northampton.
- 3 outflows to Lake Bradford with remainder to Lake Joyce
- Not expected to have many school kids

- Would like to go to Planning Commission in November, City Council in December, break ground in mid-2021 and finish by mid-2022
- Market based rent

Mr. Damon stated that the Chesapeake Beach Civic League is strongly against the revised proposal.

Scooter Position

In response to a BAC question last month, Ms. Rice stated that scooters could legally be banned in Shore Drive, just not city wide.

For clarification, Mr. Solis stated that scooters were not banned on sidewalks along major arterials except for the Oceanfront. The ordinance states that you need to dismount and walk the scooter across banned arterial roadways.

Mr. Kassir then read the scooter position statement by the BAC committee requesting that they be banned throughout the Shore Drive Zoning Overlay District. Mr. Damon stated that he did not see problems within the neighborhoods. Mr. Ayers emphasized that the position would be a placeholder until new regulations are established. Mr. Solis stated that the new regulations should be reviewed by City Council on 12/8.

Mr. Ayers made a motion to approve the scooter position as crafted by the BAC committee. Mr. Faison seconded the motion and the motion was approved 7-0.

OLD BUSINESS:

There was a brief discussion regarding the Cape Story by the Sea fireworks issue. Ms. Holland stated that the community could use the Navy barge. Mr. Malbon stated that Deputy City Manager Cover was against the fireworks due to staffing issues.

ADJOURNMENT:

There being no other business the meeting adjourned at 5:30 p.m.