

BAYFRONT ADVISORY COMMISSION
MINUTES
March 21, 2019
VIRGINIA BEACH TENNIS AND COUNTRY
CLUB

REGULAR MEETING:

MEMBERS PRESENT:

Chairman Kal Kassir, Wally Damon, Stacey Shiflet, Charles Malbon, Gee Faison, Joe Bovee, Faith Christie, Mercedes Holland – Navy, Whitney Graham – Planning Commission

STAFF PRESENT:

Victoria Rice – City Attorney

OTHERS PRESENT:

Jeff Holste – Harbor View, Denise Bowman-Scott - BAC Volunteer, Empsy Munden – Cape Story by the Sea, David Zhan & Bill Purcell – Public Works

APPROVAL OF MINUTES:

Mr. Damon made a motion to approve the minutes from 1/17/19. Mr. Faison seconded the motion and the motion was approved.

CHAIRMAN REPORT:

Chair Kassir gave a recap of meeting with Jim Wood and Deputy City Manager about the possibility of fireworks in Cape Story for the fourth of July.

He announced that Joe Miller has stepped down from the BAC, and stated that he intends to recommend Phil Davenport be appointed.

He continued his report by discussing the height preferences for roadway lights for the Shore Drive Roadway project, as well as mentioned his intent to speak with Jim Wood and Louis Jones regarding the creation of a Riverwalk on Shore Drive.

STAFF REPORTS:

Victoria Rice indicated that there were no Bayside applications coming before the Chesapeake Bay Preservation Area Board this month.

COMMITTEE REPORTS:

Design – Mr. Bovee referred to the Chair’s discussion on height preferences of street lights for the Shore Drive Roadway Project.

Communication – No report

Infrastructure – No report

COMMUNITY COMMENTS:

Empsy Munden spoke about “next door” and the dangers of not monitoring comments on social media platforms. She also showed support for a Riverwalk project, and talked positively about a video she had seen highlighting the Lesner Bridge at an event located at the Virginia Beach Convention Center last week. Additionally, Ms. Munden raised concerns regarding the proposed “leash law,” where dogs would always have to be kept on a leash while on the beach. She mentioned there will be a public meeting on April 10, 6:30pm at the Law Enforcement Training Academy located on Birdneck Road.

NEW BUSINESS:

David Jarman and Bill Purcell from Public Works gave a presentation update on the Shore Drive Phase III Roadway Project.

OLD BUSINESS:

Mr. Damon mentioned a civic league meeting held to discuss the Windsong Apartment project that had been presented to BAC at the February meeting. There was a large number of community involvement, and the project has been deferred indefinitely.

Mr. Faison reminded the public about the Bay Lakes Pine BBQ & Oyster Roast being held at the Leaping Lizard Café on April 6, in efforts to raise more for the Bay Lakes Pine fireworks.

Stacey Shiflet announced that Clean the Bay Day will be held from 9am-12pm on June 1, 2019.

There being no other business, the meeting adjourned at 5:05pm.