

**BAYFRONT ADVISORY COMMISSION
MINUTES
APRIL 18, 2019
BROCK ENVIRONMENTAL CENTER**

REGULAR MEETING:

MEMBERS PRESENT:

Vice Chairman Charlie Malbon, Wally Damon, Stacey Shiflet, Gee Faison, Joe Bovee, Phil Davenport, Bruce Widener – First Landing State Park

STAFF PRESENT:

Mark Shea – Planning, Victoria Rice – City Attorney

OTHERS PRESENT:

Karen Forget – Lynnhaven River Now, Denise Bowman-Scott - BAC Volunteer, Emsy Munden – Cape Story by the Sea, Trish Rozanski – Bay Breeze Villas Condo., Craig Davis – Ballyhoos, Jay Jamison – Ballyhoos, Chris Gorri – Chesapeake Bay Foundation

APPROVAL OF MINUTES:

Mr. Faison made a motion to approve the minutes from 3/21/19. Mr. Damon seconded the motion and the motion was approved.

CHAIRMAN REPORT:

Vice Chair Malbon was asked if he has heard discussion regarding the Cape Story fireworks for the fourth of July. He indicated that he has not heard anything. Ms. Munden indicated that they need to know within the next 30 days.

STAFF REPORTS:

Mr. Shea reminded the Commissioners that the Bayfront Shuttle will be starting just before Memorial Day with a slight deviation to serve the gate at Fort Story. This will enable riders to not have to walk to the lighthouse shuttle.

COMMITTEE REPORTS:

Design – Mr. Bovee briefly discussed the Waterman’s walk project. There was some discussion regarding next steps. Mr. Davenport indicated that he would talk with Public Works Director Mark Johnson to see if there was a way to scale back the project and get it done.

Communication – Ms. Bowman Scott mentioned that based on discussion with the Chair, Vice-Chair and staff that she would launch the newsletter on the second Monday of the month, beginning in June 2019. This would be helpful in having more timely information to dovetail with the official agenda (which goes out a week prior to the meeting).

Mr. Damon mentioned that there was a very large turnout at the Chesapeake Beach Civic League meeting regarding Bonaventure. The project will be delayed.

Infrastructure – No report

COMMUNITY COMMENTS:

No Comments

NEW BUSINESS:

Ms. Forget gave an informative presentation regarding her organizations concern with offshore drilling. She indicated that Virginia Beach City Council initially supported off-shore drilling but passed a subsequent resolution against it. She indicated that there was only one remaining step in the 5-step permitting process to allow it. She also indicated that it would help if more organizations like BAC would pass resolutions in opposition. Members discussed making a motion to oppose the drilling. Ms. Forget was asked to prepare some sample facts that could go in a letter of opposition and BAC agreed to discuss this item again at the May meeting.

In addition, Ms. Forget indicated to BAC that four acres of land has been put into a conservation easement just to the east of the old dredge site near Marina Shores.

Mr. Widener gave a brief presentation regarding a study that was spearheaded by Delegate DeSteph to establish a mountain bike trail in First Landing State Park. The study will be finished in January and rare plant and animal species will be identified. The trail will be in the northeast portion of the park between Shore Drive and the Main Trail. Mr. Widener mentioned that there will be design difficulties with such a trail in a flat sandy environment. A couple of Commission member expressed concerns with trail development in the sensitive sandy environment.

Mr. Davis, from Ballyhoos, gave a presentation regarding the establishments Conditional Use Permit request to allow assembly and outdoor recreation use on the current site. Mr. Shea indicated that the Planning Commission recommended approval of this item earlier in April. Key points from the presentation included the following:

- Ballyhoos have been in business for almost a year.
- Mr. Davis indicated that he had the support of the tenants in the strip center.
- Mr. Davis indicated that he was aware of the noise concerns from the

neighborhood and is acting in a manner to not become a local nuisance by limiting hours of outdoor entertainment and music by 10.

- A large part of the current and future business will be fundraisers for charity
- Mr. Davis indicated that he had adequate parking and would comply with city requirements.

After some discussion, Mr. Faison made a motion to support the Ballyhoos application as being in keeping with the vision for the Shore Drive corridor. Mr. Damon seconded the motion and the motion was approved.

Mr. Gorri provided the final presentation of the meeting regarding the Brock Center's plan to provide an expansion of the building to include additional classroom space. The primary use will be for Virginia Beach Public School programs. The project is the conceptual plan stage and the CBF has been in contact with the City regarding the necessary approval steps.

There being no further business, the meeting adjourned at 4:50 p.m.