

**BAYFRONT ADVISORY COMMISSION
MINUTES
MAY 16, 2019
VIRGINIA BEACH TENNIS AND COUNTRY CLUB**

REGULAR MEETING:

MEMBERS PRESENT:

Chairman Kal Kassir, Vice Chairman Charlie Malbon, Wally Damon, Stacey Shiflet, Gee Faison, Phil Davenport, Faith Christie, Scott Ayers,

STAFF PRESENT:

Mark Shea – Planning, Victoria Rice – City Attorney

OTHERS PRESENT:

Denise Bowman-Scott - BAC Volunteer, Empsy Munden – Cape Story by the Sea, Trish Rozanski – Bay Breeze Villas Condo., Jeff Holste, Harbor View, Allen Anderson

APPROVAL OF MINUTES:

Mr. Damon made a motion to approve the minutes from 4/18/19. Mr. Malbon seconded the motion and the motion was approved.

CHAIRMAN REPORT:

Chair Kassir discussed the need to recruit new members for service on BAC. Commission members asked about the status of fireworks for Cape Story. Ms. Munden indicated that she spoke with Vice Mayor Wood and Council Member Berlucchi and got the indication that they would not be able to deliver the fireworks this season. Ms. Munden expressed her displeasure with the response.

STAFF REPORTS:

Mr. Shea indicated that there were no Bayfront items for the June Planning Commission and Chesapeake Bay Commission meetings. There is one item on the June Board of Zoning Appeals agenda for property located at 4404-06 Lee Court (reduction in corner yard setback from 20 feet to 10 feet).

COMMITTEE REPORTS:

Design – Mr. Davenport gave updates on various Public Works projects as follow:

- A modification to Waterman's walk to provide a 5' sidewalk connection under the Lenser Bridge would cost \$115,000. The Pilots Association and the owner of Bubba's still would have concerns. The Commission members discussed what the scope of the project. Mr. Shea stated that it could be included in the City's upcoming Active Transportation Plan to give it more official recognition.
- The Stratford Road crosswalk near the west end of the Lesner Bridge should begin on 5/28 and completed in 90-120 days. The road will be resurfaced upon completion of this project.
- The project manager in Public Works for the Cape Henry Beach Replenishment project sent copies of the project update #1 to civic leaders in the area. BAC members were provided copies of the letter.
- Mr. Davenport indicated that sand is currently being hauled from the site east of Marina Shores to Ocean Park to address erosion issues.
- Public Works is currently not intending to provide pedestrian scale lights within the parameters of the Shore Drive Phase III discussion. After some discussion about the cost and time delays to include these lights, the BAC decided not to pursue this matter further.

Communication – Ms. Bowman Scott reminded the commission members that the newsletter is now being sent on the second Monday of the month instead of first.

Infrastructure – Mr. Malbon gave a report on the HRT Route 35. The route will run every 30 minutes from Pleasure House Road to Rudee Inlet. New this year will be the ability to pay through a mobile application. HRT has produced a new brochure that markets all 3 Virginia Beach Wave routes on the web page, through social media and on the same promotional map and brochure. Mr. Shea stated that he delivered 500 brochures to the Virginia Beach Hotel Association for distribution to those hotels who do not receive them through National Brochure Distributors.

COMMUNITY COMMENTS:

Ms. Munden indicated that the beach crossover facility at Sandlewood Road has deteriorated and is slippery. She also indicated that patrons of the beach are not using the new bike racks and are improperly parking them elsewhere in the area.

OLD BUSINESS:

Mr. Shea distributed copies of a number of opposition letters and the current City Council resolution opposing offshore drilling. In response to the BAC request in April, Ms. Forget provided BAC with a sample opposition letter. Mr. Ayers made a motion to sign the letter as written and Mr. Damon seconded the motion. After some discussion from other Commission members who either supported offshore drilling or questioned the need for BAC to take a position on this, Mr. Ayers amended the motion to read:

The Bayfront Advisory Commission acknowledges the City Council position in opposition to both seismic testing and offshore drilling and therefore, does not feel

the need to take a position on these issues. The Commission requested that Mr. Shea call Ms. Forget to notify her of this action.

NEW BUSINESS:

Ms. Shiflet mentioned to the Commission that for the 50th anniversary of the “Virginia Is For Lovers Slogan” that the Virginia Tourism Corporation is providing \$1500 grants for the erection of Lovework structures throughout the Commonwealth. Two are being pursued on private property in the Oceanfront area and Ms. Shiflet felt like the Shore Drive corridor would be appropriate for one. The Commission expressed interest in erecting one near the Route 13 ramps at Shore Drive. Ms. Shiflet will provide the appropriate link to Mr. Shea and he will run this idea by the appropriate City staff.

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