

BAYFRONT ADVISORY COMMISSION
MINUTES
May 15, 2018
VIRGINIA BEACH RESORT HOTEL &
CONFERENCE CENTER

REGULAR MEETING:

MEMBERS PRESENT:

Chairman Kal Kassir, Gee Faison, Wally Damon, Joe Bovee, Scott Ayers, Charlie Malbon

STAFF/CONSULTANTS PRESENT:

Tobias Eisenlohr – City Attorney; Mark Shea – Planning Department

OTHERS PRESENT:

Denise Bowman Scott, Jeff Holste – Harbor View, Emsy Munden – Cape Story by the Sea, Doug Norris – Ship’s Watch, Trish Rozanski – Bay Breeze Villas, Lib Conner – Baylake Pines, Chris Wood CHS/CSBTS, Robyn Bailey – Chesapeake Beach, Brad Martin – Baylake Pines

APPROVAL OF MINUTES:

Mr. Damon made a motion to approve the minutes from 3/15/18. Mr. Faison seconded the motion and the motion was approved. There was not a quorum at the March meeting so Mr. Shea will post the unofficial meeting notes.

CHAIRMAN REPORT:

Chairman Kassir called the meeting to order. A ceremony regarding the Lesner Bridge art piece will be held on June 23, 2018. Mr. Kassir described the site plan for the area of the bridge to contain the artwork. There will be bike racks and places for donor names. Mr. Kassir congratulated the four BAC members that were re-appointed. Mr. Shea was asked to look into the information related to term limits as shown on the City Clerk office roster.

Mr. Shea distributed a recent public presentation regarding the sale of the Virginia Beach Resort Hotel. Mr. Kassir stated “That the Bayfront Advisory Commission is deeply indebted to the Virginia Beach Resort Hotel for free meeting space over the last several years” and will write a letter to the Shiflet family. There was some discussion of potential facilities to hold future Bayfront Advisory Commission meetings for when the transfer takes place. Mr. Shea will call the Bayside Recreation Center and see if they can guarantee a reliable space each month. He was also given a contact for the Rescue

Squad building in Ocean Park.

STAFF REPORTS:

Mr. Shea had no additional staff reports

COMMITTEE REPORTS:

Design – No updates

Communication – There was some discussion of the newsletter. Ms. Scott indicated that she will be working up some language about providing good source information.

Infrastructure – Mr. Malbon gave an update on Route 35 indicating that it would be operating next week. Mr. Shea was asked about the Fort Story shuttle. He indicated that this project is still in the planning stages and people can still drive on the base to get to the lighthouse. Mr. Malbon expressed concern with the continuing delay of implementation of the Bayfront bike rack installation. Mr. Shea indicated that Parks will be hiring a new planner that will get this project moving. Mr. Malbon and the Committee indicated that they did not want to continue waiting and requested that a letter be drafted to the Director of Parks and Recreation with their project concern.

COMMUNITY COMMENTS:

Ms. Bailey expressed concern over an outfall near Buoy 44 and impacts from the recent City dredging operation. Mr. Shea will call Public Works to check on this.

OLD BUSINESS:

Mr. Kassir asked the other Commission members how they wanted to handle this year's public outreach prior to the July Strategic Planning meeting. The Commission agreed to use the June meeting to obtain Outreach and to schedule this as a specific agenda item at the end of the regular meeting.

NEW BUSINESS:

Mr. Faison briefly discussed parking issues near the new Mermaid Winery. Several Commission members asked Mr. Shea to contact the appropriate staff to address the overgrown landscaping at Northampton and Shore Drive, particularly the portion that can be seen from the southbound signal when exiting Northampton from the Chesapeake Bay Bridge Tunnel

There being no further business, the meeting adjourned at 4:45.