

**BAYFRONT ADVISORY COMMISSION  
APPROVED MINUTES  
JUNE 20, 2019  
VIRGINIA BEACH TENNIS AND COUNTRY CLUB**

**REGULAR MEETING:**

**MEMBERS PRESENT:**

Chairman Kal Kassir, Vice Chairman Charlie Malbon, Wally Damon, Stacey Shiflet, Gee Faison, Faith Christie, Martin Thomas, Scott Ayers, Mercedes Holland

**STAFF PRESENT:**

Mark Shea – Planning, Victoria Rice – City Attorney, Michael Kirschman – Parks and Recreation Director, Elaine Linn – Parks and Recreation, Nina Goodale – Cultural Affairs

**OTHERS PRESENT:**

Denise Bowman-Scott - BAC Volunteer, Empsy Munden – Cape Story by the Sea, Trish Rozanski – Bay Breeze Villas Condo., Jeff Holste, Harbor View, Todd Soloman – Shore Drive Coalition/Cape Story by the Sea

**APPROVAL OF MINUTES:**

Mr. Bovee made a motion to approve the minutes from 5/16/19. Mr. Damon seconded the motion and the motion was approved.

**CHAIRMAN REPORT:**

Chair Kassir asked for a moment of silence to honor the lives lost in Building two on May 31, 2019. He continued with a summary of the first two-hour meeting related to the “Floatopia” event over Memorial Day weekend. Plenty of concerns were identified by the civic leaders, particularly in Ocean Park. Mr. Thomas indicated that he attended the second meeting and it appears that the City has resolved some concerns. The City will provide more trash containers and portable restrooms for the 4<sup>th</sup> of July and future holidays. There will also be over 30 officers to enforce laws on land and by boat and there will be enhanced enforcement of parking violations. Illegal parking will also be heavily enforced.

**STAFF REPORTS:**

**Proposed Love Art**

Mr. Shea introduced Ms. Linn from Parks and Recreation. Mr. Shea continued by

summarizing recent staff discussion of the Love Art since the suggestion was made at the last meeting. The Commission had expressed a preference to locate the sign within the City's Shore Drive Right of Way in front of the southbound off ramp of Route 13. Mr. Shea brought this up to the Traffic Engineering and Parks Landscape Services division. Both divisions expressed concerns with pedestrian safety in these areas due to lack of parking and expected heavy use of the Love Art for photo's. Ms. Linn then suggested a good location for the Love Art would be within a planned Shore Drive trailhead at Pleasure House Point. Safe parking could be accommodated nearby along Marlin Bay Drive.

Ms. Linn then walked the Commission through the sketch drawing for the proposed trail head park. The park will consist of benches, bike racks, trash can and pet waste station. A section of guard rail will be removed to provide direct access from the paved multi-use path and the nature trails. Ms. Goodale indicated that her office could assist in the development of the Love Art and provide a call out for artists.

### **Comments from Board to Parks and Recreation Director**

Chairman Kassir discussed the unsightliness of the Shore Drive/Route 13 intersection and the need to improve the appearance of this important gateway to the City. He indicated that it would take a full Public Works project to solve fully address the issue but was hoping that landscape services could address some of the aesthetic concerns in shorter order. Mr. Kirschman will discuss the issue with Landscape Services.

Mr. Malbon asked about citizen staffing concerns at Great Neck Park. Mr. Kirschman stated that the same number of Parks staff will begin servicing a greater number of parks. Higher staffing levels will be provided at Great Neck depending on weather and activity levels. At non busy periods there would not be a need for staffing.

### **Presentation by Cultural Affairs**

Ms. Goodale gave a presentation regarding current efforts by the Department of Cultural Affairs within the City and along Shore Drive, in particular. She highlighted the award-winning art piece located at Rudee Inlet, "The Canoes" on the Lesner Bridge, and the "Terrapin Basin" next to the Brock Center. She is interested in promoting walking tours at sunset to view the artwork. BAC members suggested that a bike tour would also be worth considering. Ms. Holland indicated that the utility pipes bordering Shore Drive at Little Creek will be painted red, white and blue. Ms. Goodale suggested that a small committee be formed to develop the idea for the Virginia is for Lovers sign. Mr. Bovee agreed to head up the committee and Stacey Shiflet and Martin Thomas agreed to participate along with Ms. Goodale. Ms. Rice reminded everyone that if 3 members attend the same meeting that we would have to provide public notice of the meeting.

### **COMMUNITY OUTREACH 19 COMMENTS:**

Ms. Munden expressed disappointment in getting no answer from City staff regarding

sponsorship of the Cape Story fireworks. She also suggested that the developers of the Marriott Hotel should provide tours to the community to generate interest in the project.

Mr. Soloman presented the following concerns:

- Staff should continue to hold a public meeting for sea level rise at Cox HS or within the Bayfront area.
- Who controlled the open space at the end of Wake Forest Road? Commission members indicated that Lynnhaven River Now has control of that land.
- The City should investigate a walkway under the north side of the Great Neck Bridge which connects Ballyhoos to Marina Shores and would help pedestrians avoid crossing Great Neck Road without a signalized crosswalk in area.
- There will be a need for flashing speed signs with Shore Drive Phase III
- City should investigate having student volunteers help with ditch cleanup program
- Red Tide Road would make a good mini-park. Proper location of entrance should provide access to those who need it.

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