

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

REGULAR MEETING:

MEMBERS PRESENT:

Vice Chairman Charlie Malbon, Wally Damon, Gee Faison, Joe Bovee, Mercedes Holland - Navy

STAFF PRESENT:

Victoria Rice – City Attorney; Mark Shea – Planning Department; Charles Bodnar, Sue Kriebel – Public Works, Burl Self – Planning Volunteer

OTHERS PRESENT:

Denise Bowman-Scott - BAC Volunteer, Phil Davenport – BAC Volunteer, Empsy Munden – Cape Story by the Sea, R. Doug Norris- Ships Watch, Mark Richardson – Timmons Group, JP Holland – Bonaventure, Jimmy Parker – Bonaventure, Trish Rozanski – Bay Breeze Villas, R. J. Nutter – Troutman and Saunders, Todd Soloman – SDCC, Kevin Curry – Osprey Villa

APPROVAL OF MINUTES:

Mr. Shea indicated that until a quorum is reached, no official action may be taken

CHAIRMAN REPORT:

Mr. Malbon welcomed the public to the meeting and gave the following updates:

He and Chairman Kassir met with the City Manager and senior staff to discuss Bayfront priorities including Shore Drive Phase III, City Marina improvements, Waterman’s Walk, sand replenishment schedule and the need for future landscaping for the intersection of Shore Drive and Route 13.

Kay Wilson was asked to give a presentation regarding the food truck ordinance at a meeting in the near future.

PRESENTATIONS:

Mr. Malbon changed the order of the agenda to let the sea level rise and Windsong Apartment presentations proceed prior to the reminder of the agenda.

Mr. Charles Bodnar, of Public Works, gave a 30 minute presentation on the City's Sea Level Rise study and focused on how it will impact the Bayfront area. Mr. Bodnar suggested that members also look at the 50 minute presentation given to City Council on 1/15/19. The presentation will be emailed to BAC members and posted on the web page.

Representatives from Bonaventure Realty Group gave a presentation of their plans to refurbish the Windsong Apartments located off Pleasure House Road. The redevelopment consists of renovating 216 units, constructing 216 new units, and building a new clubhouse and pool. The total units will go from 272 existing to 432 total after completion. Questions from BAC included how the developer planned to handle resident displacement along with traffic concerns at the Pleasure House and Shore Drive intersection. The project will be phased and efforts will be made to minimize disruption to tenants. The developers indicated that they were going to look at the specific traffic concern as they will be having community engagement. Due to the lack of a quorum, BAC did not take a position on the application. I have attached the submitted presentation.

STAFF REPORTS:

Mr. Shea indicated that the Pleasure House Brewing application has been continued to the March Planning Commission due to their failure to obtain a cooperative parking agreement. The revised plan is to eliminate potentially large assembly uses like weddings and to have no more than 1 foot truck. With the reduction in uses, parking will meet current codes.

Mr. Shea indicated that three applications along Shore Drive have been submitted to the Board of Zoning Appeals as follows:

Case 2019-BZA-00001: Cannizzo Inc. a variance to 5-foot east and west yard setback instead of 8-feet as required for a proposed single-family dwelling 4524 Lookout Rd Zoning: R-5R GPIN: 1570-61-6596

Case 2019-BZA-00002: Michael Keverline a variance to a 5-foot front yard setback adjacent to (unimproved) bay drive instead of 20 feet as required for a proposed in ground swimming pool 3782 Jefferson Blvd Zoning: R-5R GPIN: 1489-39-2922

Case 2019-BZA-00005: BHC, LLC a variance to a 10.50-foot side corner setback from the property line adjacent to Lookout Road; instead of 20-feet as required for a proposed duplex 2521 Beaufort Ave Zoning: R5R GPIN: 1570-42-9308

There was no discussion on these items.

Mr. Shea indicated that a citizen made a suggestion to the City Manager's office to provide improved pedestrian access under Route 13 connecting Ocean View and Lauderdale Avenue. BAC comments were balanced with the connection being positive with perhaps opposition from the residents along the two roadways. Mr. Shea mentioned that it could be considered with the City's upcoming Active Transportation Plan update.

Mr. Shea has spoken with staff from Parks and Public Works about the dog waste bags and concluded that both departments desire for the residents to refill the bags. Staff will look into why replacement bags had been provided to certain areas of the City in the past.

COMMITTEE REPORTS:

Design – Mr. Bovee indicated that he reviewed the Shore Drive Phase III 100% design and pedestrian scale lighting was not included. The plans show the taller cobra head style lighting. Public Works indicated in an email to Mr. Shea that there are some concerns about design revisions to include pedestrian lights. Mr. Bovee will discuss further with Chairman Kassir.

Communication – No report

Infrastructure – No report

NEW BUSINESS:

No new business

OLD BUSINESS:

A letter from Cape Story By The Sea Civic League was distributed to BAC. Mr. Solomon, of CSBTS, briefly described the contents of the letter and was seeking BAC's continued support for City sponsorship of the 4th of July fireworks that historically been sponsored by CSBTS.

Mr. Soloman also indicated that Mr. Bill Purcell will attend the next Shore Drive Coalition meeting to discuss Shore Drive Phase III. SDCC will be asking for watch your speed signs as part of the project.

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

Although it was announced that the next meeting was to be held at the Brock Center, **the March 21, 2019 meeting will continue to be held at the Virginia Beach Tennis and Country Club**