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# Baylines

*Newsletter of the City Council-appointed*

## **Bayfront Advisory Commission**

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**Thursday, February 21, 2019**

**3:30 p.m.**

**Virginia Beach Tennis and Country Club**

1950 Thomas Bishop Lane

### **Tentative Agenda**

#### **CALL TO ORDER**

Welcome and Introductions - Kal Kassir, Chair

#### **CHAIRMAN'S REPORT**

Comments from Kal Kassir, Chair  
Review and Approval of Minutes Nov.

#### **STAFF REPORTS & UPDATES -- Mark Shea, Victoria Rice**

#### **COMMITTEE REPORTS & UPDATES**

Public Safety, Transit, Parking & Pedestrian Access- Charles Malbon  
Design Review – Joseph Bovee  
Communications – Scott Ayers

#### **NEW BUSINESS**

#### **OLD BUSINESS**

#### **PROJECT BRIEFINGS, OPEN DISCUSSION & COMMENTS FROM PUBLIC**

#### **ADJOURN**

*Photo credit: Katie Hecht*



Unless the city takes it over, Fourth of July fireworks on the Bayfront at Cape Story will be a thing of the past, an official from the civic league that has funded and run the annual vent told the Bayfront Advisory Commission.

Empsy Munden, vice president of the Cape Story by the Sea Civic League, which has put on the fireworks display that attracts thousands for more than 35 years, said that permits and regulation more than money would force them to bow out. Over the years, administrative rules, safety and fire regulations and changing operations in the waters off JEB Fort Story have combined to put burdens on civic league volunteers that have become untenable.

“We cannot traverse the legality of administering this,” she said. The BAC voted unanimously to request that the city incorporate one barge’s worth of July 4 fireworks for Cape Story into its current summer fireworks series.

Mercedes Holland, representing Capt. Joey Franzen, said the base would be willing to work with the city to designate safe operating sites in the water. The city runs several fireworks displays a week into Oceanfront operations, BAC commissioners commented.

BAC officials met in recent months with the civic league sponsors of Independence Day displays on the Bayfront to explore whether combining them for city administration would be feasible. Volunteers for displays west of the Lesner Bridge wanted to continue to run them themselves.

## *Short-term rental laws okayed*

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After years of wrangling and contentious debate among competing interests, the City Council has approved a package of amendments to the Comprehensive Zoning Ordinance that will govern short-term rentals and home-sharing throughout the city. It takes effect for most areas Nov. 19, 2019. Conditional use permits would be required for many and regulations in the new ordinance would be required.

Short-term rentals that were registered with the city and have paid applicable taxes by July 1, 2018, will not be required to apply for conditional use permits so long as operations are not expanded or materially changed. Short-term rentals in the Sandbridge Special Services District have been designated uses permitted by right per General Assembly action.

Regulations for

The full ordinance can be found on the Planning Department’s website or by clicking the following link:  
<https://www.vbgov.com/government/departments/planning/codesOrd/Documents/3578%20ord.pdf>

# Delta Hotel by Marriot work continues

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Renovation of Delta Hotels by Marriott Bay Front Suites, 3500 Shore Drive, is continuing with a projected opening date of April 2020, Duane Gauthier, managing director of the hotel operating company that manages the property, told the BAC.

All rooms and public spaces at the property, formerly known as the Virginia Beach Resort Hotel and Conference Center, are being gutted and redesigned. The hotel's restaurant will be the Tin Cup Oyster Bar and Grille with both indoor and outdoor dining spaces, Gauthier said.

The property will continue to market meeting conference and wedding venues.

## *Designer's concept of renovation entry*



## **BRIEFLY**

Westbound Shore Drive traffic will be diverted to the eastbound span of the Lesner Bridge between 4:30 and 10 p.m. Sunday Feb. 10 for filming a safety video .... In its annual a meeting, the BAC re-elected Kal Kassir as its chairman and appointed Charles R. Malbon Jr. as vice chairman. Malbon replaces Scott Ayers, who asked not to be re-nominated, in the position. Ayers will continue to serve on the commission .... Citizen Norman Carrick asked the BAC to work with property

owners abutting the upcoming Phase III Shore Drive improvement project to clean up their buildings and land. Phase III is expected to go to bid later this year. Carrick also asked if the city could be prevailed upon to provide containers for dog-waste cleanup as well as bags for public walkways to Bayfront beaches as they are at the Oceanfront.

## Strategic Plan briefing to be held

The Bayfront Advisory Commission recommended that its officers meet city officials to forward and discuss the 2019 Strategic Plan. The plan lists highest priority project items

- Funding Phase IV of Shore Drive improvements from the Lesner Bridge west to Shady Oaks Road
- Water issues (stormwater drainage, Dewberry sea-level rise study, city marina development, city wharf/Osprey Park, pedestrian walkway under bridge from Vita Circle to Page Avenue.
- Sand replenishment (Cape Henry, Ocean Park, Crab Creek)
- Infill development (Future nature, look of the Bayfront; work with Planning on Comprehensive Plan revisions)
- Landscape design of Route 13 and Shore Drive interchange.

The plan also addresses high-priority communications items, monitoring ongoing concerns and liaisons, partnerships and city staff support.

The full plan will be posted after city officials receive it. It was developed after citizen meetings, a BAC brain-storming retreat and committee consideration of the items. Ordinarily, the annual plan would have been forwarded to the council and city manager's office in late summer/early fall. But with an unprecedented number of City Council seats up for election in November, the BAC agreed to wait until the new council was seated to bring the plan forward.



## PLEASURE HOUSE BREWING LOOKS TO MOVE

Pleasure House Brewing Co LLC is seeking a city use permit to allow it to relocate from its current Shore Drive location to 2032 Pleasure House Road. The operators propose to run a craft brewery, assembly are and open-air market where the current Weathersby Properties LLC stands south of Grand Affairs. Operators Drew Stephenson and Tim O'Brien are

working on obtaining shared parking to meet zoning requirements and plan a sound-attenuating fence to the single-family property abutting. BAC members voiced no concerns so long as staff recommendations were followed. Staff has recommended approval and the application goes to the Planning Commission and City Council.

## Leaping Lizard seeks tasting room expansion



The Leaping Lizard Café, 4408 Shore Drive, is proposing to renovate its existing barn into a tasting room, according to briefing by William Prince, who has operated the Leaping Lizard location for the last 14 years. The BAC voiced no concerns.