



Lesner Bridge lighting

# Baylines

*Newsletter of the City Council-appointed*

## **Bayfront Advisory Commission**

### Members

- Kal Kassir, Chairman
- Scott Ayers, vice chairman
- Joseph Bovee
- Faith Christie
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- Charles G. Faison, Jr.
- Capt. Joey L. Frantzen
- Louis R. Jones, Mayor
- Charles R. Malbon, Jr.
- Joseph A. Miller
- David Redmond, Planning Commissioner
- Stacey W. Shiflet
- Martin A. Thomas
- Robert Thornton, Planning Commissioner
- James L. Wood, Vice Mayor

**Bayfront Advisory Commission meets  
Thursday, November 15, 2018**

**3:30 pm**

**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

**Award presentation:**

**Public Art Virginia Beach Foundation**

Review and Approval of Minutes

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

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

Public Safety, Transit, Parking & Pedestrian Access- Charles Malbon

Design Review – Joseph Bovee

Communications – Scott Ayers

#### **OLD BUSINESS**

#### **NEW BUSINESS**

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

Public Comment Period

#### **ADJOURN**

**\*\* Note, new meeting place**

# Phase III Shore Drive work to go to bid

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The long-delayed third phase of the Shore Drive improvement project is expected to go to bid in February, with construction on the highway segment between the Lesner Bridge and Beech Street tentatively set to start next summer.

That is what William Purcell, senior project manager told the Bayfront Advisory Commission in a briefing on the status of this \$27 million project. The design phase is due to be completed Dec. 1, Purcell said, and will complement the separate eastern Shore Drive drainage project, which will pump \$80 million into flooding mitigation work in the corridor over the next decade. That should ease stormwater flooding issues at Starfish, Ebb Tide, Red Tide and West Great Neck roads, he said.

Plans call for eight-foot and 10-foot sidewalks, bike lanes in the street and LED street lights like those on the newly opened Lesner Bridge. Shore Drive will remain a four-lane, divided highway, Purcell said, and plans call for two lanes, each way, to remain open during construction. “The critical path right now involves real estate acquisitions and utility relocation,” he said. Some 55 parcels will be affected by easements needed for the work. Construction on Shore Drive Phase III is estimated to take three to 3½ years. Of the \$27 million cost, \$10 will be funded from the state, Purcell said. Construction costs are budgeted to cost \$16.5 million.

Asked about Phase IV of the Shore Drive project from the west side of the Lesner Bridge to Marlin Bay Road, Purcell said it is currently in the Capital Improvement Plan budget for fiscal year 2021. The current year’s budget calls for milling and paving that stretch of road.



**SHORE DRIVE (RED TIDE ROAD TO EBB TIDE ROAD) - Proposed Design**



**Bicycle racks** have been installed at five of the six Bayfront beach-access locations planned for this year. They are in place at Raleigh Avenue and East Stratford Road on the west side of the Lesner Bridge and at Jade Street, West Great Neck Road and Sandalwood Road (pictured above) on the east side. A sixth bike rack will be installed at Fentress Avenue after construction in the areas is complete.

## *Route 35 shuttle ridership has strong September*

Although operating only on weekends in September and affected by a hurricane scare, the Bayfront-Oceanfront bus shuttle, Route 35, still boasted a 25 percent increase in ridership this year over the same month a year ago, according to Hampton Roads Transit officials. Route 35 had 1,918 riders in September 2018 vs. 1,535 the previous September. Bayfront Advisory Commission members asked whether service could be extended next year to have the shuttle start on May 1, rather than Memorial Day weekend. Started as a pilot project in 2017, its route was extended from ending at the Lesner Bridge westward to Pleasure House Road. Its frequency was increased to every 30 minutes vs. Every 45 minutes in the pilot year.

Ridership sharply increased this year – in one month, it was double the same year-ago month – and commission members said they expect even more growth as marketing for the route becomes more robust.

## *City Council delays rental regulations at least a year*

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The City Council has adopted a resolution that would delay the effective date of any regulations regarding home sharing and short-term rentals for at least a year. The resolution calls for a “projected effective date” of Nov. 1, 2019, or six months after an ordinance addressing this issue is enacted, whichever is later.

In September, the council sent to the Planning Commission proposed regulations that would require a conditional use permit for homes rented fewer than 30 days, with some exceptions. This has been a hot-button issue in several areas, including the Bayfront, for years.

## **General, special elections Tuesday Nov. 6**

Virginia Beach’s 100 precincts will open voting polls at 6 a.m. tomorrow in a general election that will select a U.S. Senator and a U.S. Representative as well as fill City Council, Mayor and School Board seats. Two constitutional amendments are also on the ballot. More than 1,200 citizens have been trained to man the polls, which will remain open for voting until 7 p.m.

Registered voters will be required to produce a picture identification, a requirement in Virginia since 2014. Voters who are disabled or older than 65 may request curbside voting and, after presenting required photo ID, will have a ballot hand delivered to the waiting vehicle outside. Voters may request assistance in voting by filling out a form available from the precinct chief of election when they arrive. Each polling place also has an Express Vote machine that will allow voters to increase the size of type on the ballot or receive ballot information through private headphones.

There are two candidates that withdrew from the election after ballots were printed. Notice of the names of those candidates will be posted throughout the polling place and in each voting booth.

Registered voters who have changed addresses to a different precinct can be directed to the correct precinct.

Questions should be directed to the registrar’s office at 757-385-8683.

## *Bayfront Advisory Commission volunteers needed*

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Citizens and businesses interest in volunteering on BAC committees, task forces and special subcommittees should communicate their interest to Scott Ayers, BAC vice chairman, via the commission’s email address, [bayfrontadvisorycommissionvb@gmail.com](mailto:bayfrontadvisorycommissionvb@gmail.com). Please indicate any special skills that you would bring to the commission’s efforts as well as your contact information.