

BAYFRONT ADVISORY COMMISSION MEETING
SUMMARY
JULY 16, 2015
VIRGINIA BEACH RESORT HOTEL &
CONFERENCE CENTER

MEMBERS PRESENT:

Chairman Kal Kassir, Faith Christie, Gee Faison, Charlie Malbon, Joe Miller, Stacey Shiflet, Ross Brockwell (Planning Commission Liaison)

STAFF PRESENT:

Clay Bernick – Planning & Community Development Department/Environment & Sustainability Office, Kay Wilson – City Attorney’s Office, Mercedes Holland - JEB Little Creek/Fort Story Liaison

CALL TO ORDER:

- Chairman Kassir welcomed members and guests

CHAIRMAN’S REPORT:

- Chairman Kassir discussed the following items:
 - o Attended RAC meeting, Chesapeake Bay Bridge Tunnel gateway is eyesore, need better sense of arrival to City, Bayfront is extension of oceanfront, summer bus service trolley support from Restaurant Association, Bayfront amenities (state park, inlet area, fishing, Pleasure house Point)
 - o Arrival flags areas Public Works briefing in September to Commission
 - o City study request to Corps for jetties at Lynnhaven Inlet
 - o Riverwalk story in Beacon
 - o RFP for public art at Lesner Bridge has been released, December design date, \$350,000 private funding campaign underway
 - o Commission members reappointed, new roster
 - o Motion and approval of February 19, 2015, March 19, 2015, May 21, 2015 and June 18, 2015 meeting summaries

CITY REPORTS & UPDATES:

- Clay Bernick discussed the following items:
 - o City Council approved revisions to Zoning Ordinance on July 7
 - o No items before August Planning Commission meeting for Bayfront area
 - o Wetlands Board holding dune restoration hearings for violations at Bays Edge and Osprey Villas condominiums at July meeting
 - o No items before July Chesapeake Bay Preservation Area Board meeting for Bayfront area
 - o Board of Zoning Appeals no items for August meeting in Bayfront area, two items for September meeting in Bayfront area (side yard setback request for Ocean Condo Developers LLC for side yard setback, Mark Walker for single family residence setback variance)
 - o Waterman’s Walk info will be provided for August Commission annual retreat
 - o Planning Director Jack Whitney retired June 30, City Manager Jim Spore retiring

December 31

COMMITTEE REPORTS & UPDATES:

- Design: Joe Miller reported the following items:
 - o Waterman's Walk info needed
 - o Arrival flags design (rectangular flags, raise and lower electronically to prevent tangling)
- Communications: Chairman Kassir reported the following items:
 - o Pass along information for newsletter to Norm Carrick
 - o Attended Second Police Precinct meeting, assignment of officers to each civic organization, Officer McInerney assigned to cover all Boards and Commissions
 - o Next Door software for community communications, City Volunteer Office promotion and support
- Public Safety, Transit, Parking & Pedestrian Access: Charlie Malbon reported the following items:
 - o Bike rack proposal for beach access areas
 - o Seasonal bus route with trolleys, working on proposal with Brian Solis at SGA Department and Hampton Roads Transit for briefing to Chairman Kassir and Committee

COMMUNITY REPORTS & UPDATES

- Mercedes Holland discussed the following items:
 - o Airport runway expansion EIS process underway
 - o Dredging of Baltimore Channel and material for beach nourishment
- Wally Damon reported on paddleboard race for July 25, recommending no support for fireworks from Chicks Beach area
- M.C. Davis reported Cape Henry support for fireworks
- Chairman Kassir reported broad positive feedback for Shore Drive Farm Market

NEW BUSINESS

- No report

OLD BUSINESS

- No report

PROJECT BRIEFINGS, OPEN DISCUSSION & COMMENTS FROM THE PUBLIC:

- Phil Pulido asked about Commission Mission Statement and noted bringing tourists to Bayfront area is a problem with proposed seasonal trolley, more people without public services

NEXT MEETING (TENTATIVE):

- August 12, 2016 Annual Retreat - 12:00 pm – 3:30 pm, Virginia Beach Resort Hotel and Conference Center, 2800 Shore Drive, Virginia Beach, VA 23451; Regular Meeting - August 12,

2015 3:30 pm – 5:30 pm, Virginia Beach Resort Hotel and Conference Center, 2800 Shore Drive,
Virginia Beach, VA 23451; No Committee meetings before 3:30 PM Regular Meeting

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