

BAYFRONT ADVISORY COMMISSION MEETING
SUMMARY
SEPTEMBER 17, 2015
VIRGINIA BEACH RESORT HOTEL &
CONFERENCE CENTER

MEMBERS PRESENT:

Chairman Kal Kassir, Vice Chairman Scott Ayers, Joe Bovee, Faith Christie, Gee Faison, Charlie Malbon, Joe Miller, Martin Thomas

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

CHAIRMAN’S REPORT:

- Chairman Kassir discussed the following items:
 - o Attended Lynnhaven River NOW Executive Board meeting, held 4 times per year, offshore drilling focus of discussion
 - o Met with Councilman Wood and Charlie Malbon re: HRT potential route alternative through Fort Story
 - o Joint Expeditionary Base golf tournament September 30 at Eagle Haven
 - o Lesner Bridge construction tour September 30 from 2:00 – 3:00 PM
- Minute approvals postponed to November meeting

CITY REPORTS & UPDATES:

- Clay Bernick discussed the following items:
 - o October Planning Commission meeting will hear U-Haul rental location request at Urchin and Shore Drive
 - o Pine trees at condominiums near Jade Street were removed in violation of City Council conditions; under review
 - o Plans for apartments at former Duck-In site not yet released
 - o Website updates
 - o Sending monthly email to City staff to provide updates for Commission meeting reports

COMMITTEE REPORTS & UPDATES:

- Design: Joe Bovee reported the following items:
 - o Working on Shore Drive Phase 3 plan review, sense of arrival to Bayfront at various locations, Waterman’s Walk concepts, update of Design Guidelines, sand banking issue
 - o City Marina at Vista Circle in poor condition
 - o Requested briefing by Phil Roehrs in early 2016 re: status of beach easements, dunes condition, beach accessways

- Attending public art meeting on September 18
 - Recognition awards
 - Community signs
 - Change to Overlay District boundary
 - Comprehensive Plan update and comments
- Communications: Vice Chairman Ayers reported the following items:
 - Grace Moran and Norm Carrick had helped with newsletter
 - Use of NextDoor software to distribute
 - Met with and commitment from Denise Scott on helping with newsletter going forward
 - Develop marketing strategy for community signs
 - Public Safety, Transit, Parking & Pedestrian Access: Charlie Malbon reported the following items:
 - HRT route through Fort Story work in progress
 - Chairman Kassir advised Jim Ricketts at Convention & Visitors Bureau of proposal
 - Fort Story route option could reduce costs, reduce base traffic to lighthouse and landing memorial, increase ridership from military personnel without vehicles on base
 - Locations for bike racks at public beach accessways under review with Public Works and Parks & Recreation
 - Wally Damon idea re: off ramp from Northampton Boulevard to Greenwell Road
 - Northampton Boulevard off ramp to Shore Drive bollards removed, determine why

NEW BUSINESS:

- Scott Ayers requested right-of-way research on Northampton and Shore Drive interchange area re gateway improvements including landscaping, signage, gateway flags, roadway, bikepaths, etc.; RAC is supportive; need to work with City Council, Convention & Visitors Bureau, Chesapeake Bay Bridge Tunnel Commission, State Tourism Office, Chris Stolle, Bill DeSteph, Lieutenant Governor Northam; request meeting
- Gee Faison raised issue re: slurry from watermen from menhaden operations with fish waste on beach
- Mercedes Holland noted long-standing restricted anchorages to meet Coast Guard regulations off Chesapeake Beach and Lynnhaven Inlet are going to be under additional enforcement

OLD BUSINESS:

- None

PROJECT BRIEFINGS, OPEN DISCUSSION & COMMENTS FROM THE PUBLIC:

- Wally Damon reported the following items:
 - October 3 car show cancelled
 - Free flu shots October 17
 - Event tax issue
 - Bad accident by Green Parrot
 - Commonwealth Brewery open in old Chesapeake Beach Fire Station
- Resident from Cape Story community reported the following items:
 - No more fireworks by Chesapeake Beach

- Cape Story to continue fireworks in 2016
- November 8 oyster roast

NEXT MEETINGS (TENTATIVE):

- October 15, 2015 2:00 Committee meetings before 3:30 PM regular Commission meeting at Virginia Beach Resort Hotel & Conference Center

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