

BAYFRONT ADVISORY COMMISSION MEETING
SUMMARY
NOVEMBER 19, 2015
VIRGINIA BEACH RESORT HOTEL &
CONFERENCE CENTER

MEMBERS PRESENT:

Chairman Kal Kassir, Vice Chairman Scott Ayers, Joe Bovee, Wally Damon, Gee Faison, Charlie Malbon, Bob Thornton (Planning Commission Liaison)

STAFF PRESENT:

Clay Bernick – Planning & Community Development Department/Environment & Sustainability Office, Kay Wilson – City Attorney’s Office, Officer McInerney – Police Department

CALL TO ORDER:

- Chairman Kassir welcomed members and guests

CHAIRMAN’S REPORT:

- Chairman Kassir made the following presentations:
 - o Chesapeake Bay Foundation’s Brock Center for Bayfront Exceptional Design Award – Chris Moore
 - o J&A Racing for Exceptional Design Award - Jerry and Amy Frostick
- Chairman Kassir discussed the following items:
 - o RAC meetings to discuss closer working relationships
 - o Need for past meeting summaries

CITY REPORTS & UDPATES:

- Clay Bernick provided the following updates:
 - o Kayak launch proposed by Gail Higgs at end of Maple Street
 - o Briefing by Emily Steinhilber at October meeting re: sea level rise, City reevaluation of projections underway
 - o Comprehensive Plan update
 - o Police will be attending future meetings, need for traffic signal at Lynnhaven Drive and North Great Neck Road
 - o Truck parked in lot at Farmer’s Market site, not a zoning issue
 - o Brian Proctor study on Greenwell Road speeding, need for traffic calming, Indian Hill Road traffic calming completed, Lookout Road need for traffic calming
 - o Offshore drilling being reconsidered by City Council
 - o Friends of Live Oaks working with local businesses for fall tree giveaway
 - o Shore Drive safety improvements at West Gate Fort Story
 - o Marina Shores project proposal forthcoming

COMMITTEE REPORTS & UPDATES:

- Design: Joe Bovee reported the following items:
 - o Attended 2 Pubic Art meetings
 - o Attended Bayfront sense of arrival meeting, order flagpoles, flags, install spring 2016, Commission design 2 sets of flags
 - o Attended RAC meeting re: signage, sense of arrival, Waterman's Walk similar to Rudee Walk, quarterly meetings with RAC proposed
 - o Phase 3 Shore Drive in 2017 CIP, work on comments
 - o Waterman's Walk drawing of space under bridge needed, designs for Duck-In site projects needed, seawall under bridge funded by City
 - o Pubic art at southwest Lesner Bridge approach request for qualifications released, 60 applications pared to 12 then pared to 5 for conceptual plan development and presentations in December
 - o Request Kay Wilson to evaluate public art or just site provided by Greystar
 - o Request scheduling of neighborhood signs meeting with Public Works, City Attorney's Office and Planning
 - o Use of volunteers on Committees is allowed per Kay Wilson opinion
 - o May 24 hearings to be held on beach nourishment easements per Gee Faison

- Communications: Vice Chairman Ayers reported the following items:
 - o no meeting, no report

- Public Safety, Transit, Parking & Pedestrian Access: Charlie Malbon reported the following items:
 - o Met with RAC Transportation Committee on proposed summer bus service proposal
 - o Attended RAC Executive Committee meeting
 - o Attended meeting with Fort Story re: proposed bus route, Captain Hughlett supportive in concept but need to address security concerns
 - o Bike racks at beach access evaluation underway by Parks & Recreation

PROJECT BRIEFINGS, OPEN DISCUSSION & COMMENTS FROM THE PUBLIC:

- Community attendees reported on following items:
 - o Lynnhaven Congregational Church Bazaar November 21
 - o Lighthouse illumination December 3
 - o Cox High Book Sale November 21
 - o Oyster Roast went well
 - o Commissioner of Revenue advised event tax can be deferred but required City Council action
 - o Aquaculture Center on hold, will be redesigned for new site, to be built and operated by Lynnhaven River NOW

NEW BUSINESS:

- None

NEXT MEETING (TENTATIVE):

- January 21, 2016 2:00 PM Subcommittees scheduled; 3:30 PM Commission meeting at Virginia Beach Resort Hotel & Conference Center

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