



# Bayfront Advisory Commission Newsletter

City Council Appointed Advisory Board

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## Bayfront Advisory Commission and Committees to Meet February 19, 2015

The Bayfront Advisory Commission will meet February 19, 2015, at the Resort and Conference Center, 2800 Shore Drive. The Commission will meet from 3:30pm-5:30pm and the Committees from 2:00 until 3:15.

### Agenda

#### CALL TO ORDER

Welcome Guests and Introductions - Kal Kassir, Chair

#### CHAIRMAN'S REPORT

Comments from Kal Kassir, Chair  
Review and Approval of Minutes from past meeting(s).

#### STAFF REPORTS & UPDATES

Zoning Inspections updates  
Current Planning updates

#### SUBCOMMITTEE REPORTS & UPDATES

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

#### COMMUNITY REPORTS & UPDATES

#### NEW BUSINESS

#### OLD BUSINESS

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

Public Comment Period – Baylake Pines School conditional rezoning from R-10 Residential to B-1A and PDH R5S

#### ADJOURN

# BAC Says Hats Off to Bridge Builder

At its January meeting, the BAC recognized the outstanding efforts of Chris Wojtowicz to minimize traffic disruptions and keep the public informed as construction on the new bridge over Lynnhaven Inlet progresses.



Photo courtesy of B. M. Carrick

Chris is the project manager of this 100 million dollar effort to replace a structure approaching the end of its useful life. Just like every other person on site, Chris must wear a hard hat as he makes his rounds of the site. Not any hard hat, but one customized for him.

To that end, the Commission enlisted the design talents of Signs of Success owner George Paulson for the customization. The end result is shown in the accompanying picture. The sides of the hat have a graphic of the new bridge with "Wojo's World" printed in the foreground. Wojo is Chris' nickname in the construction arena. Chris name is emblazoned on the front and back so you can catch him coming or going.

Kal Kassir, Commission Chairman, made the presentation.

## *Construction Camera at Lesner Bridge Updates Hourly*

You may be aware that a Construction Camera has been installed to view images of the bridge construction. Images are updated on the hour.

The project team has received a number of requests from citizens to have more consistent project updates. In response to this request, each week they will be posting an update that includes a two-week "look ahead" schedule so that everyone will know what impacts from the project can be expected – including any lane closures.



## Who's on Your Beat

Neighborhood policing is a concept that is extremely effective in controlling crime. It relies on high visibility of those officers whose role in life is to protect us. Unfortunately in a city such as ours, with over 3,655 miles of roads covering 310 square miles of area, stretching from the Chesapeake Bay to North Carolina and the Atlantic Ocean to Norfolk, the concept of the officer we knew, walking a beat on our streets, is unworkable. When one considers we staff three shifts a day, our complement of 738 officers averages out to one officer per 1,830 people. The officer walking the sidewalk has been replaced by the cop in the car.



Your newsletter is going to attempt to remedy that situation. The Bayfront area is the responsibility of both the second and third precincts of the police department. Officers in these precincts bid on the shifts they will work. After the bids are evaluated, patrol areas are then assigned areas to work. The length of these assignments is usually six months. As we receive information on these assignments, we will try to highlight the officers covering your area. Hopefully we will have a picture and brief bio.

When you see one of these officers, please introduce yourself and welcome them to our area as they pursue their task of protecting our almost half a million citizens.

## *Public Works Begins Maintenance Dredging in Crab Creek*

**Public Works/Engineering** reports that maintenance dredging is underway in the Crab Creek channel. Crab Creek connects the Lynnhaven Boat Ramp and Beach Facility to Lynnhaven Inlet and requires annual maintenance dredging to remove shoaling. The contract was awarded to ***Docks of the Bay, L.L.C.***, on January 6, and the ***Notice to Proceed*** was issued on January 13.

***Docks of the Bay*** will work closely with the Lesner Bridge Replacement contractor, who will also be dredging in the vicinity of the



Crab Creek channel. Approximately 10,000 cubic yards of material will be removed from the channel during this dredging cycle. Work will be completed before March 1.

## Why was the Duck In Beach Club building demolished?



When demolition began I heard it was due to termite damage. I have since found out that the building was demolished because it was in the way of the development of the site. Tuck Bowie with Terry Peterson Homes advised me they tried to give the building away but nobody wanted it so they had to demolish it.

The site will be developed with 48 condominium units and 171 apartments in 6 buildings. The bulkhead / seawall for the project are currently under construction.

Submitted by Faith Christie

Photo courtesy of Ray Revell, resident of Cape Henry Tower

## Pictures From The Past

From Wojo's World comes the following: Almost all of us are aware of what the Lesner Bridge looks like, but what did past iterations of this historic crossing look like. If you have pictures of the earlier crossings and would like to share them, please send them to me and they will appear in future editions. For those unfamiliar with Wojo's World, it is the realm inhabited by the fertile mind of Chris Wojtowicz, project manager on the new bridge.



**Time is running out for suggesting a name for the new bridge. Submitting suggestions ends February 28.**

## Special Notice

Mr. Steve Bishard , President of Bishard Homes will present his rezoning request for the Baylake Pines School property at the Commission's meeting on February 19. The requested change is from R-10 Residential to B-1A and PDH R5S.

## HELP! HELP! HELP! HELP! HELP!

**If you know of a neighbor, an adjoining civic league or a business not receiving this newsletter, please email me at [normcarrick@cox.net](mailto:normcarrick@cox.net) and I will correct the omission. Thanks.**

The Bayfront Vision Newsletter is now linked to "It's a Shore Thing." Reach "It's a Shore Thing" at <http://itsashorethingvb.com/>.

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