

BAYFRONT ADVISORY COMMISSION MEETING  
SUMMARY  
JANUARY 21, 2016  
VIRGINIA BEACH RESORT HOTEL &  
CONFERENCE CENTER

MEMBERS PRESENT:

Chairman Kal Kassir, Vice Chairman Scott Ayers, Joe Bovee, Faith Christie, Wally Damon, Gee Faison, Charlie Malbon, Joe Miller, Stacey Shiflet, 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, Officer McInerney – Police Department, Vance Cooper - Fire Department, David Jarman & Jason Wilson – Public Works Department

CALL TO ORDER:

- Chairman Kassir welcomed members and guests

CHAIRMAN’S REPORT:

- Chairman Kassir discussed the following items:
  - o Art Foundation meeting re: Lesner Bridge public art
  - o Marina Shores meeting re: project proposal
  - o Hampton Roads Transit and Frist Landing State Park meeting re: summer bus route
  - o Public Works meeting re: arrival flags areas
- Chairman Kassir discussed work to clean up the website
- Minutes for October 2015 meeting approved with corrections noted

CITY REPORTS & UPDATES:

- Jason Wilson from Public Works gave an overview of the current status of Phase 3 of Shore Drive:
  - o 65% design plans completed
  - o Lesner Bridge to Beech Street
  - o Stormwater management big challenge
  - o 90% design by summer 2016
  - o Begin property acquisition August 2016
  - o Stormwater gravity system with retention pond at Page Avenue & Shore Drive with pond to be removed when pump station is built in future
- Design Committee will meet to review plans and provide comments in early February
- Kay Wilson discussed the following items:
  - o Ordinance adopted by City Council exempting 501(c)(4) organizations from fees and taxes for events
  - o Greystar project plan calls for path and public art
  - o Presented rules revisions to Commission, adopted by vote, to be posted on website

- Event houses ordinance to be discussed at February meeting, draft to be posted on website
- Clay Bernick discussed the following items:
  - Updates to Commission roster
  - Comprehensive Plan update schedule
  - Bike racks at beach accessways to be discussed at February meeting
  - Taste parking expansion, no approval for outdoor music
  - Baylake Pines Lower School site for veterinary clinic, requested Commission briefing
  - Traffic visibility at Shelton Road and Independence Boulevard

#### COMMITTEE REPORTS & UPDATES:

- Design: Joe Bovee reported the following items:
  - Met prior to today's Commission meeting
  - Attended the RAC design meeting, Commission may want to consider same approach
  - Event houses
  - Phase 3 Shore Drive plans
  - Arrival flags areas and designs for flags
  - Waterman's Walk Phase 1 with Greystar project
  - Design Guidelines
  - Public art at southwest Lesner Bridge overlook, City announce design within month, private funding campaign underway and funds already being donated
  - Place neighborhood signs package on website
  - Commission comments on Comprehensive Plan
- Communications: Vice Chairman Ayers reported the following items:
  - no meeting
  - complimented Denise Bowman-Scott on new newsletter work
  - requested old website and new website confusion be addressed, Clay to follow through
- Public Safety, Transit, Parking & Pedestrian Access: Charlie Malbon reported the following items:
  - City's 3 beaches promotion linked to proposed summer bus route; \$200,000 per year to operate Memorial Day to Labor Day, will not run through Fort Story due to security concerns
  - Noted Beacon articles re: multi-use path on west Shore Drive and walk along Greenwell from Shore Drive to Bayside Recreation Center

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

- Brad Waitzer and Lisa Murphy made a presentation re: proposed multi-family residential project at Marina Shores and discussed the following items;
  - Existing dry storage boatel and its 453 spaces will be removed with proposed project
  - Project to include demolition of all but existing wet slips, pool and restaurant
  - Will rezone eastern property to P-1 with deed restrictions and dedicate to environmental organization
  - Will construct non-motorized water access area at end of Maple Street for public use
  - Propose new access to project from Lynnhaven Drive with new traffic signal at Lynnhaven Drive and North Great Neck Road
  - Conceptual plan shows 261 units, 4 stories in 2 buildings

- Some parking under structures
  - Low-country architecture
  - 5 interior courtyards
  - Proposed new project access road will also be construction access road
- Community question and answer period followed briefing
  - Wendy Vaughan of Lynnhaven River NOW presented a request to the Commission to take a position re: Offshore Drilling and forward its position to the City Council, no action taken by Commission

NEW BUSINESS:

- None

NEXT MEETING (TENTATIVE):

- February 18, 2016 No Committee meetings before 3:30 PM Commission meeting at Virginia Beach Resort Hotel & Conference Center
- Kal Kassir voted in for another term as Chair

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