

BAYFRONT ADVISORY COMMISSION MEETING
SUMMARY
MARCH 17, 2016
VIRGINIA BEACH RESORT HOTEL &
CONFERENCE CENTER

MEMBERS PRESENT:

Chairman Kal Kassir, Joe Bovee, Wally Damon, Gee Faison, Charlie Malbon

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

CALL TO ORDER:

- Chairman Kassir welcomed members and guests

CHAIRMAN’S REPORT:

- o No report
- o No quorum so draft meeting summaries will be considered for adoption at April 21 meeting

NEW BUSINESS:

- None

CITY REPORTS & UPDATES:

- Clay Bernick discussed the following items:
 - o No application submitted to date for Water Boxes/Marina Shores redevelopment project
 - o Offshore drilling moratorium extended by Obama administration to Virginia
 - o Provided handout from City Clerk’s Office re: Crab Creek dredge transfer facility concerns and community opposition; will need to revisit once bridge is close to completion as to long-term use of the dock site

COMMITTEE REPORTS & UPDATES:

- Design: Joe Bovee reported the following items:
 - o February Committee meeting re: neighborhood signs
 - o Today met re: sense of arrival project poles to be installed by April 30; approved seasonal banner concepts; need to identify funds for purchase and maintenance
 - o Will schedule meeting for Waterman’s Walk
 - o Public art meeting next week with Office of Cultural Affairs to address site constraints for public art proposal at southwest approach to new Lesner Bridge
 - o Neighborhood signs legal issues; directed through Supreme Court decision to not regulate sign content; now called community signs; other areas of City (Oceanfront, Kempsville and Town Center) considering similar signage; working with Kay Wilson to revise sign package; City staff will be meeting to finalize sign implementation process; City will install

- and maintain signs
 - o Greystar project approached Arts Commission re: public art condition in plan approval
 - o Overlook area to southwest side of new Lesner Bridge compromised due to overhead power lines; not informed 2-3 years ago that proposal to share \$10 million cost to underground line with 3 way cost split was rejected; considering concept to relocate overlook and public art location
- Communications:
 - o No report
- Public Safety, Transit, Parking & Pedestrian Access: Charlie Malbon reported the following items:
 - o Met with Chairman Kassir, Bruce Widener of First Landing State Park, Todd Solomon of Shore Drive Community Coalition and Councilman Wood re: proposed bus stop at State Park; Shore Drive location unsafe; pull offs cost estimated at \$550-600 thousand each; instead will consider bus stop inside Park north entrance as option; not possible until 2017 at earliest
 - o Bike racks for beach access areas next step is site survey; will develop several initially and expand to more locations in future

COMMUNITY REPORTS & UPDATES:

- Gee Faison noted Baylake Pines Oyster Roast to benefit Independence Day fireworks scheduled for April 9 from 4-7 PM; tickets \$40 each; Leaping Lizard location; renovations completed by March 31
- Officer McInerney noted Shamrock Marathon Palm Sunday potential access conflicts with Fort Story
- Mercedes Holland noted Fort Story Celebration rescheduled to July 4 in lieu of May 21; fireworks, vendors, etc. are scheduled; open to public to attend with 2 forms of ID unless holder of Department of Defense ID card
- General discussion about Cape Story by the Sea concerns re: Marina Shores proposed plans

OLD BUSIENSS:

- None

PROJECT BRIEFINGS, OPEN DISCUSSION & COMMENTS FROM THE PUBLIC:

- None

NEXT MEETINGs (TENTATIVE):

- April 21, 2016 Committee meetings at 2:00 PM before regular 3:30 PM Commission meeting at Virginia Beach Resort Hotel & Conference Center

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