



Baylines

Newsletter of the City Council-appointed

Bayfront Advisory Commission

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Bayfront Advisory Commission meets

Thursday, Feb. 18, 2016

3:30-5:30 pm

Virginia Beach Resort and Conference Center

2800 Shore Drive

(Subcommittees meet 2-3:30pm)

Agenda

CALL TO ORDER

Welcome 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 -- Clay Bernick, Kay Wilson

Zoning Inspections updates

Current Planning updates

- Presentation: Karen Lasley, on zoning proposals to regulate "event houses"

COMMITTEE REPORTS & UPDATES

Transportation and Beach Access- Charles Malbon

Design Review Committee – Joseph Bovee

Communications Committee – Scott Ayers

COMMUNITY REPORTS & UPDATES

NEW BUSINESS

OLD BUSINESS

PROJECT BRIEFINGS, OPEN DISCUSSION & COMMENTS FROM PUBLIC

Public Comment Period

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Marina Shores development proposed

Developers of a proposed 261-unit, four-story apartment complex on the site of the Marina Shores marina along Long Creek made a presentation to the Bayfront Advisory Commission at its last meeting. The project, which would require rezoning and approvals by the Virginia Beach Planning Commission and City Council, would demolish the dry-storage marina and other buildings except the Surf Rider restaurant and the pool on the site, which is on the east side of North Great Neck Road, said Bradley J. Waitzer, the proposed developer.

Other features of the proposed development would be a road from the current cul-de-sac at the east end of Lynnhaven Drive to the apartment complex. Currently, access to this site is through the developed neighborhood along Marina Shores Drive. The development likely would justify a traffic light at Lynnhaven Drive and North Great Neck, he said.

Waitzer said the project would have a "preservation area" on its east end along Long Creek, leading to a non-motorized boat/kayak launch. It would not expand the current wet slips on the creek, he said, and there would be no fueling and or oystering.



Bayfront projects starting soon

Two new Public Works projects are coming to the Bayfront area, beginning this spring. The **Greenwell Road Sidewalk Project** is expected to be advertised for bids in April. The estimated \$415,000 project would install a sidewalk from Shore Drive to First Court Road, 5-foot wide from Shore Drive to Delco Road and an 8-foot-wide section to the Bayside Recreation Center.

The **Shore Drive Bike Facility** would widen shoulders on both sides of Shore Drive from Greenwell Road to Diamond Springs Road with a 5- to 6-foot-wide milled and paved surface. Plans also call for extending turn lanes in both directions at the Gate 3 entrance to Joint Expeditionary Base Little Creek. The project is expected to start in the spring and cost about \$4.2 million.

Election deadline looms

The deadline to register, change address or name for the March 1 Presidential Primary elections in Virginia Beach is the close of business, **Monday, Feb. 8**. Both the Democratic and the Republican parties have chosen to hold primary elections on that date for candidates running for their party's nomination for President of the United States. Eligible voters may vote in only one party's primary.

In-person registration is available in the Voter Registrar's office, Building 14, Municipal Center, all Virginia Beach public libraries, and Department of Motor Vehicle offices during normal operating hours. Forms to register by mail are available at all public schools, post offices, recreation centers and offices of the city Treasurer, Clerk of the Circuit Court and Commissioner of the Revenue. Mailed applications must be postmarked by **Monday, Feb. 8**. Online voter registration is available at the Virginia Department of Elections website at www.vote.virginia.gov.

Applications for an absentee ballot to be mailed to the voter must be submitted by 5 p.m. **Tuesday, Feb. 23**. Registered voters may cast absentee ballots, in person, at the Registrar's office, weekdays until **Feb. 26** from 9 a.m. to 5 p.m., and on **Saturdays, Feb. 20 and 27** from 9 a.m. to 5 p.m.

The city has developed an animation of the bridge construction. To view it, click the link <https://www.youtube.com/watch?v=IBGfmBs6Efw&feature=youtu.be>

The city also is updating information on its WEB page at: www.vbgov.com/lesner-bridge. Follow on Twitter at: [@lesnerbridge](https://twitter.com/lesnerbridge).

Upcoming events

- The Parks and Recreation Department has identified 19 possible sites for installing bicycle racks at beach access entrances.
- Cape Story By The Sea Civic League will hear a presentation on the proposed redevelopment of Marina Shores (see above) by the developer on Monday, Feb. 8, at 7:30 p.m. at the Virginia Beach Resort Hotel and Conference Center.
- The Joint Expeditionary Base – Fort Story will hold a public festival on the base to mark its 100th Anniversary Saturday, May 21, from 10 a.m. to 4 p.m., Mercedes Holland, spokesman for base Capt. Frank Hughlett, told the Bayfront Advisory Commission. Demonstrations, games, activities and food are planned for the event. Vendors are welcome.

- Talks are continuing with Hampton Road Transit about the proposal to begin a shuttle between the Oceanfront and the Lesner Bridge/Vista Circle area of the Bayfront between Memorial Day and Labor Day. Bayfront Advisory Commission Commissioner Charles R. Malbon reported that the current thought is to run the shuttles every 30 minutes from Arctic and 19th street to the Lynn haven Inlet. A proposal to run the buses through Fort Story was dropped because of security and manpower concerns. The shuttle would serve local residents who want to visit either of these locations without worrying about parking as well as the 1,200 guests staying at First Landing State Park, he said.
- For more information on the Bayfront Advisory Commission, please visit its **new, simplified address:** <http://www.vbgov.com/bayfront>.
- Civic leagues, homeowners associations and other groups that would like to hear a presentation on, or ask questions about, the Bayfront Advisory Commission, should contact Kal Kassir, chairman, at kkassir@aol.com
- Anyone interested in serving as a volunteer on any of the Bayfront Advisory Commission Committees should contact Kal Kassir, BAC chairman, at 647-2468 or kkassir@aol.com.

Stay Informed!

If you know of a neighbor, civic league, homeowner's association, business or other member of the Chesapeake Bayfront Community who would like to stay abreast of community developments, Please contact Scott Ayers at scotta2272@gmail.com to be added to the Commission's communications list.

Report auto break-ins

The Shore Drive area was hit with a rash of auto break-ins between Christmas and New Year's. In some cases, windows were smashed; in others, unlocked cars were rifled. The Police Department asks that ALL break-ins be reported to the non-emergency number (385-5000), even if nothing is missing so the department can react to trends.