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# Baylines

*Newsletter of the City Council-appointed*

## **Bayfront Advisory Commission**

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### **Bayfront Advisory Commission meets**

**Thursday, March 17, 2016**

**3:30-5:30 pm**

**Virginia Beach Resort and Conference Center**

2800 Shore Drive

(When committees meet: 2-3:30pm)

### **Tentative 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**

Current Planning updates

#### **COMMITTEE REPORTS & UPDATES**

Transportation and Beach Access- Charles R. Malbon Jr.

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

#### **ADJOURN**

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# Bayfront Beach Bike Racks?

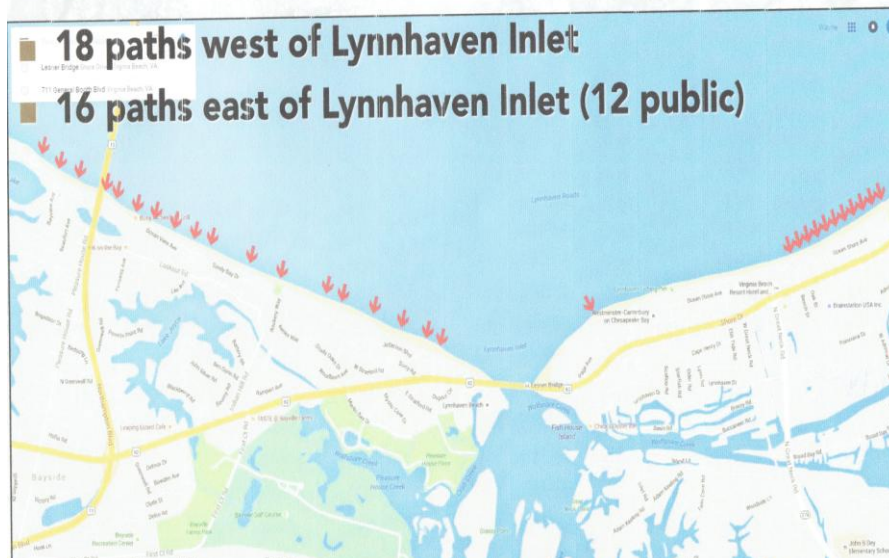


Proposals to bring bicycle racks to a number of public beach accesses along the Bayfront will be discussed by the Bayfront Advisory Commission's Public Safety, Transit, Parking and Pedestrian Access Committee this spring. Placing bicycle racks at strategic beach-access areas could help alleviate often-severe auto traffic and parking problems, commented Scott Ayers, a BAC member.

The commission was briefed two weeks ago on a survey by the Parks and Recreation Department that identified 18 public beach accesses west of the Lynnhaven Inlet and 12 to the east. Wayne T. Wilcox, senior planner there, told the commission that identified areas were, in some cases, paper streets with little developed paths. In others, access points were at the end of paved streets and were heavily used for beach access.

Wilcox showed some beach access developments in Sandbridge as what is possible. But he said not all the Sandbridge improvements would apply to the Bayfront. The planner also recommended a bicycle rack style, called an "inverted U," which would allow either or both the front and back wheels of a bike to be locked to the rack.

The committee, chaired by Charles Malbon ([tanklines@aol.com](mailto:tanklines@aol.com)), plans to consider possible locations for racks and draw up priorities. These recommendations will come back to the full BAC and be forwarded to the city to include in the budget process. It is possible that grants and/or business or civic league sponsorships also could help pay for them.



# *Event houses: A sweet getaway? Or a neighborhood nightmare? Fixing the 2.*

City staff is wrestling with the complicated issue of “event houses.” They are dwellings that are rented out for short-term destination events like weddings and reunions.

Karen Lasley, city zoning administrator, and William Macali, assistant city attorney, have been making presentations and gathering comments and suggestions about if and how to regulate these properties in a way that preserves the residential nature of waterfront communities as well as the rights of property owners to entertain on their lands.

Their latest presentation was at the Bayfront Advisory Commission.

It started at Sandbridge. But the city officials said residents at the North End and Croatan had made them aware of problems there as well. A resident of Baylake Beach said at the BAC meeting that her neighborhood had experienced problems with a home on Lauderdale Avenue rented out for large events, typically over a weekend.

Event houses often have no long-term occupants and are not leased for week-long or longer resort stays as has been the norm in resort sections of the beach for decades, the city officials said. In some cases, the homes are outfitted with a dozen or more beds, commercial-grade kitchens and bar areas and banquet-size seating.

The type of property the city wants to control involves a high-intensity, commercial use in a residential neighborhood and has spawned noise, parking and behavior complaints.

No ordinances have been drafted, Lasley and Macali said. Instead, proposed ideas, labeled “alternatives” for regulating this problem have been floated and feedback sought. Meanwhile, the General Assembly has been looking at the issue, too.

More information is available through [klasley@vbgov.com](mailto:klasley@vbgov.com) or [wmacali@vbgov.com](mailto:wmacali@vbgov.com).

## **AGENDAS CHANGE**

**Interested in receiving the Bayfront Advisory Commission’s official agenda, which includes whether and what Committee meetings will be held before the meeting?**

**The official agenda is prepared by city staff the week of each meeting. You can receive this by email by sending your preferred email address to [24denise10@gmail.com](mailto:24denise10@gmail.com).**

**SHORE DRIVE Update:** Design for the next phase of the Shore Drive widening project, from the Lesner Bridge to North Great Neck Road, is about 65 percent complete. City officials expect the design to be 90 percent complete in June or July.

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](http://www.vbgov.com/lesner-bridge). Follow on Twitter at: [@lesnerbridge](https://twitter.com/lesnerbridge).

## Upcoming events

- The Joint Expeditionary Base – Fort Story will hold a public festival on the base to mark its 100<sup>th</sup> 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.

- 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](mailto: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](mailto: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](mailto:scotta2272@gmail.com) to be added to the Commission's communications list.