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Newsletter of the City Council-appointed

Bayfront Advisory Commission

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Bayfront Advisory Commission meets

Thursday, April 21, 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

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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Beach replenishment planned

City Public Works crews are planning to replenish eroded sand on the Cape Henry beach between the Lynnhaven Fishing Pier and Lynnhaven Inlet this spring.

Plans call for 30,000 cubic yards of beach-quality sand to be trucked from the Crab Creek storage area at a cost of about \$400,000. Funds would be sought within the current budget. Plans and permits from previous beach-replenishment projects are in place and may need only minor modifications, said Public Works Director Phillip A. Davenport in a March 18 memorandum to the city manager.

Works could begin in April or May and should take about 30 days to complete.

Lesner Bridge update

Construction crews at the Lesner Bridge are working on span 5 of 10 segments on the westbound lanes of the new bridge. This particular span is 225 feet long and is the main center span of the bridge. All other spans of the bridge are 150 feet wide.

With the exception of pier column #9, construction of all of the new westbound bridge substructure has been completed, including all of the drilled shaft foundations and pier footings. Erection of the bridge's superstructure continues with an expected bridge completion date in September 2016.

AMI, Inc. in Portsmouth, continues to build the superstructure of the new Lesner Bridge. A total of 134 of the 168 bridge segments have been cast for the new westbound bridge.

Shuttle talks continue

Talks continue with Hampton Roads Transit about beginning a shuttle route between the Oceanfront and Lynnhaven Inlet, but the timetable has been pushed to 2017. The Bayfront Advisory Commission's Public Safety, Transit, Parking and Pedestrian Access Committee has met with First Landing State Park and HRT officials about having a pick-up and drop-off site at the park on the north side of Shore Drive.



Bike racks studied

The Bayfront Advisory Commission's Public Safety, Transit, Parking and Pedestrian Access Committee has winnowed down 34 possible sites for beach-access bike racks to seven of the most promising for further study.

The committee considered city ownership or control of access, frequency of use, safety and the ability to handle four to six bikes on platformed racks. Suggested sites for further study were Fentress Avenue, Rookery Way, Albemarle Avenue and East Stratford Road on the west side of the Lesner Bridge and Jade Street, Oak Street and Wake Forest Street on the east side.

Ricketts scholarship established



A memorial service to celebrate the life of **James B. Ricketts** was held Saturday, March 26, at the Virginia Beach Convention Center. He was a city employee for 42 years, and had been director of the Virginia Beach Convention and Visitors Bureau since 1988. He died March 23, just short of his planned retirement April 1. In lieu of flowers, the family requests that donations be made to the Virginia Beach Travel and Tourism Foundation (VBTF), where a memorial scholarship has been established in his name. Donations can be mailed to the Virginia Beach Convention and Visitors Bureau, ATTN: Scholarship Fund, 2101 Parks Avenue Suite 500, Virginia Beach, VA 23451. Please make checks payable to the Virginia Beach Travel and Tourism Foundation. Ticket purchases or sponsorships for the cancelled retirement event scheduled for April 4 will be automatically transferred to the VBTF James B. Ricketts Memorial Scholarship Fund unless otherwise specified. Please contact Sharene Milan [757-385-6668](tel:757-385-6668) or smilan@vb.gov for refunds or questions.

The city has developed an animation of the Lesner 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 **Baylake Pines Civic League** will hold its annual Oyster Roast to benefit its Independence Day fireworks display from 4-7 p.m. Saturday, April 9, behind the Leaping Lizard on Shore Drive. Tickets are \$40 in advance; \$50, April 2-8, and are available from civic league members or at Bayside Tire and Auto. Cash or check only. The Most Wanted Band is scheduled to perform.

- The **Joint Expeditionary Base – Fort Story** has rescheduled the public festival on the base to mark its 100th Anniversary to Monday, July 4. Demonstrations, games, activities and food are planned for the event. Vendors are welcome. The Lieutenant Dan Band with Gary Sinese is scheduled to perform. Members of the public without Department of Defense ID are asked to bring two forms of identification to show at the gate.
- 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.