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Newsletter of the City Council-appointed

Bayfront Advisory Commission

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Bayfront Advisory Commission meets

Thursday, May 18, 2017

3:00 – 4:30 pm

Virginia Beach Resort and Conference Center

2800 Shore Drive

OUTREACH '17. May 18. See Below.

Agenda

CALL TO ORDER

Welcome and Introductions - Kal Kassir, Chair

CHAIRMAN'S REPORT

Comments from Kal Kassir, Chair
Review and Approval of Minutes

STAFF REPORTS & UPDATES -- Mark Shea, Tobias Eisenlohr

COMMITTEE REPORTS & UPDATES

Public Safety, Transit, Parking & Pedestrian Access- Charles Malbon
Design Review – Joseph Bovee
Communications – Scott Ayers

PRESENTATION

Update on Marina Shores project

NEW BUSINESS

OLD BUSINESS

PROJECT BRIEFINGS, OPEN DISCUSSION & COMMENTS FROM PUBLIC

Public Comment Period

ADJOURN



Artist's rendering of Lesner Bridge public art

A year from this month, artist Donald Lipiski hopes to install his sculpture, *The Canoes*, at the pedestrian outlook on the southwest side of the new Lesner Bridge. The sculpture will be 26 feet wide and 36 feet tall and illuminated with LED lights from within the filigreed canoes.

The canoe motif was an historic nod to the origin of the Lynnhaven Inlet, Lipiski, told the Bayfront Advisory Commission. Adam Keeling cut a trench from his property to access the Chesapeake Bay by canoe. Subsequent storms created today's inlet over which the new bridge spans.

The \$350,000 project will be privately funded through donations to the Public Art Virginia Beach Foundation, said Andrew Fine, Foundation chairman. Although \$260,000 of that has been pledged through large donations, the Foundation and BAC hope that the Bayfront community will continue to support the art for the city's signature bridge. "It is important that this community participate," Kal Kassir, BAC chairman said, "whether it is through bake sales or civic leagues or just chipping in."

More information is available at www.vbpublicart.org. Donations may be mailed to P.O. Box 66129, Virginia Beach 23466-0226. Telephone is 757-385-0226.

Hampton Roads Transit and the City of Virginia Beach have greenlighted the Bayfront-to-Oceanfront-to-Bayfront shuttle! It will start May 21 and run every 45 minutes from 8.m. to midnight through Labor Day and will continue weekends through the Neptune Festival.

The shuttle is a trial program designed to allow locals and visitors to transit the Bayfront, First Landing State Park, the North End and Oceanfront without having to worry about parking or driving while impaired,

Route 35 will run between Vista Circle on the east side of the Lesner Bridge and 19th Street along Shore Drive.

Welcome to BAC!

City Council has appointed Capt. Joey Frantzen, commanding officer of the JEB Little Creek-Fort Story as ex-officio member of the Bayfront Advisory Commission. He replaces Capt. Daniel Senesky who is on medical leave.



Outreach '17 time changed May 18

Times have shifted for the Bayfront Advisory Commission's special Outreach '17 special community input initiative. The public meeting will still follow the BAC's regular May 18 meeting. But the time has been shifted to 4:30 to 6 p.m. to accommodate extra items on the regular meeting agenda.

The Outreach '17 initiative is designed to solicit suggestions from civic leagues, condominium officials and neighborhood associations about their most-pressing issues and concerns. It will assist the City-Council-appointed Bayfront Advisory Commission with setting priorities for the coming year.

For more information, contact Scott Ayers, BAC Communications Committee chairman at bayfrontadvisorycommissionvb@gmail.com. Reach him by phone at (757) 671-3343.

Reminder: gantry move to close Shore Drive

The enormous yellow gantry that has been parked on the north side of the new Lesner Bridge will be moved to the south sometime in the next few weeks, Christopher J. Wojtowicz told *Baylines*. At some point, the entire bridge will be closed, but this will be done between midnight and 4 a.m. on one or more days to minimize traffic disruption.

Once the falsework pipes at the new site are finished, girders will be placed across the new bridge. The gantry will then be winched across Shore Drive from north to south and put into position to begin erecting the superstructure of the new eastbound bridge.

Specific information will be made public when dates and times are set. Motorists should check electronic signs as the date(s) approach for up-to-the-minute information.

