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Newsletter of the City Council-appointed

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Bayfront Advisory Commission meets

Thursday, June 15, 2017

3:00 – 4:30 pm

Communications Committee meets at 2 p.m.

Virginia Beach Resort and Conference Center

2800 Shore Drive

Tentative 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

Mermaid Winery Conditional Use Permit

NEW BUSINESS

OLD BUSINESS

PROJECT BRIEFINGS, OPEN DISCUSSION & COMMENTS FROM PUBLIC

Public Comment Period

ADJOURN

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SUMMARY OF VIRGINIA LAWS

This summary focuses on laws related to how we all should interact on the road, whether driving, walking, or riding. These are all paraphrased, and there are more. For the full text, see Section 6.2 of the Code of Virginia at <http://law.lis.virginia.gov/vacode/title46.2/>.

Motorists have duties of care to pedestrians and cyclists:

- ▶ Motorists passing bikes, mopeds and animals must be at a reasonable speed and give at least 3 feet (§839)
- ▶ Motorists may cross a double yellow line to pass pedestrians and bikes when they can do it safely (§804)
- ▶ Motorists may not tailgate any type of vehicle, including bikes (§816)
- ▶ Motorists may not open a car door in front of a cyclist (§818.1)
- ▶ Motorists must yield to pedestrians at ① marked crosswalks, ② regular pedestrian crossings, and ③ intersections on roads marked ≤35mph (§924)

Pedestrians, including runners and joggers

- ▶ Pedestrians must use sidewalks wherever available, or on the extreme left of roads without sidewalks (§928)
- ▶ Pedestrians should cross roads only at intersections and marked crosswalks (§923)
- ▶ Pedestrians may not cross roads in disregard of traffic (§924)

On the road, cyclists have the same rights and duties as motorists (§800) In other words, obey all traffic signs and signals!

- ▶ On roads, ride as close as safely practicable to the right edge except when ① passing, ② turning left, ③ avoiding hazards, ④ going straight past a right-turn lane, ⑤ on a one-way road, or ⑥ when the lane is too narrow to share with another vehicle (§905)
- ▶ Cyclists may ride two abreast but must go single file when overtaken by a faster vehicle (§905)
- ▶ Cyclists may go thru a red light when safe after waiting 2 cycles or 2 minutes (§833)
- ▶ Cyclists use hand signals when turning or changing lanes (§849)
- ▶ Cyclists may not hold onto another vehicle (§932)
- ▶ Bikes on roads must have a brake (§1066)
- ▶ Cyclists may not use earphones on or in both ears (§1078)

On paths and sidewalks, cyclists have the same rights and duties as pedestrians (§904)

- ▶ Cyclists yield to pedestrians (§904)
- ▶ Cyclists give audible warnings before passing (§904)

Both on-road and off-road:

- ▶ Have no more riders on a bike than it was designed for (§906)
- ▶ From dusk to dawn, use a front white light & a rear red reflector; on roads ≥35mph, use a rear red light (§1015)

SUMMARY OF VIRGINIA BEACH LAWS

Virginia Beach has local ordinances in addition to Virginia laws. These are all paraphrased, and there are more. For the full text, see the Code at www.municode.com; pick "Library" then "Virginia" then "Virginia Beach".

- ▶ Helmets are required for anybody 14 or younger on a bike. (§7-50)
- ▶ Bikes are allowed on sidewalks and paths throughout Virginia Beach, except in the Resort Area and Town Center. (§7-59)
- ▶ Bikes may not be ridden on the beaches, sand dunes, boardwalk, oceanfront parks, or in City-owned parking garages.
- ▶ Bike racing is prohibited except with a special event permit. (§7-61)
- ▶ Keep dogs on leash. (§5-531)

Check the current rules when riding on paths in the state parks and the national wildlife refuge.

SMART CUSTOMS

There's more to walking and riding well than just what's in the laws.

- ▶ Share the Road, and Share the Path.
- ▶ On sidewalks and trails, stop, look & listen before crossing roads.
- ▶ Wear bright colors whenever walking or biking near roadways, especially at night. Use lights and reflectors at night.
- ▶ On paths, walk and ride on the right; pass on the left.
- ▶ Keep animals under control and keep leashes short.
- ▶ Love your head: wear a helmet when riding a bike.
- ▶ Ride a bike that fits you and fits the way you ride.
- ▶ Do an ABC Quick Check before starting your ride:
 - ▶ ABC: check the Air, Brakes and Chain.
 - ▶ Quick: check the Quick releases on your wheels.
 - ▶ Check: do a quick ride-around to be sure everything works.

Take a bike skills class to learn more and develop special skills.

Gantry move mid-June



Photo credit: Lane Steve

Moving the giant gantry crane from the north side of the Lesner Bridge to the south side to accommodate construction of the eastbound bridge span should take place in a few weeks, Christopher J. Wojtowicz, the bridge construction project manager, told *Baylines*. It will be done in the middle of a week night. When scheduled, *Baylines* will send out an EXTRA! Edition and electronic warning signs will alert motorists.

Moving the crane will involve closing Shore Drive at the bridge for several hours. Efforts will be made to minimize traffic disruption.

Foundation still seeks art donations

Public Art Virginia Beach has raised about 82 percent of the \$350,000 committed for The Canoes, the sculpture under commission to Donald Lipiski, BayfrontAdvisory Commission Chairman Kal Kassir reported at the May meeting. 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.

Seasonal dog laws in effect

With the passing of Memorial Day comes seasonal restrictions on dogs on public sandy beaches. North of 42nd Street, all along the Bayfront and on Sandbridge Beach, dogs on the beach are only permitted before 10 a.m. and after 6 p.m. On the Boardwalk area, dogs are only permitted between 6 and 10 a.m. and must be on leashes.

As during the rest of the year, dogs must be under the control of their owners or walkers and feces must be removed and disposed of in an air-tight bag or container.

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These dog restrictions remain in effect through Labor Day.

Virginia Beach has three fenced dog parks to allow canines to frolick off leash and socialize. A dog-park pass, available at \$15 per resident dog (\$20 for non-residents) from any recreation center, is required. The parks are Bayville, 4132 First Court Road; Red Wing, 1398 General Booth Boulevard, and Woodstock, 5709 Providence Road.

Hours are 7:30 a.m. to the park's posted closing time. Children must be at least 8 years old to enter the dog park.

For more information, click here: <https://www.vbgov.com/government/departments/parks-recreation/parks-trails/Pages/dog-parks.aspx>

Shuttle Route 35 under way



Photo credit: Shore Drive Community Coalition

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