



Baylines

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**Bayfront Advisory Commission meets
Thursday, September 21, 2017
Regular monthly meeting, 3:30-5 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

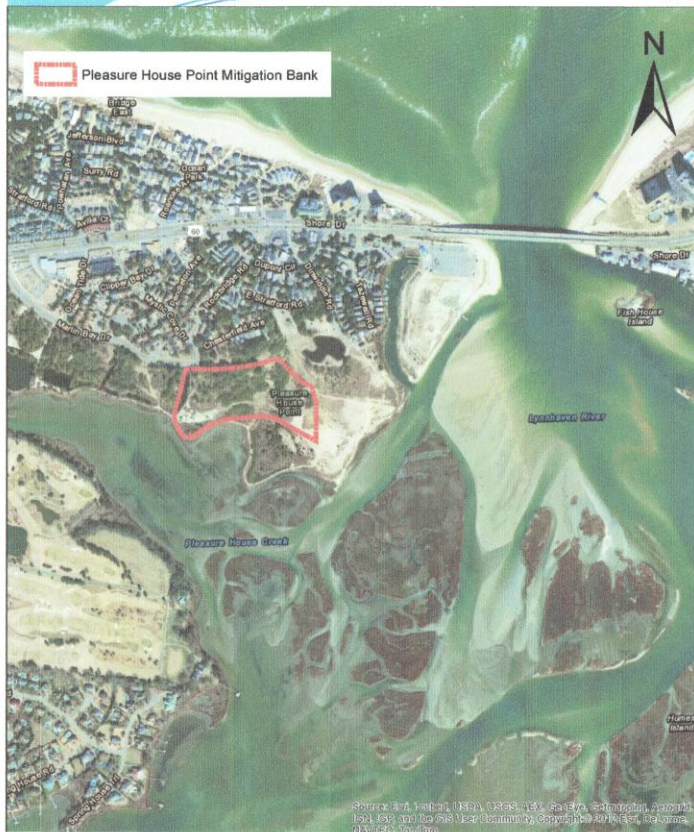
NEW BUSINESS

OLD BUSINESS

PROJECT BRIEFINGS, OPEN DISCUSSION & COMMENTS FROM PUBLIC Public Comment Period

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Objective

Create tidal wetland mitigation bank at location of previous tidal wetlands for COVB Projects



Pleasure House wetlands plan explained

Design is about 60 percent complete for Pleasure House Point wetland mitigation program, city Coastal Program Manager Daniel Adams told the Bayfront Advisory Commission.

Construction of the wetland mitigation bank is expected to begin in December 2018, with wetlands plantings to be done the following spring (when the plants have the best chance to become established), he said. Total project cost, including public water access and Americans with Disabilities Act-compliant parking, is \$3 million.

The city has changed some of the design at the site in response to public input, he said. Parking will be reduced from the previously announced 15 spaces to five. In addition, plans have been made to preserve two healthy mature live oaks in that area and to transplant saplings elsewhere on the site.

This will be a “self-contained ecosystem,” with low marsh, mudflat, high marsh buffers and a shallow-water habitat along Crab and Pleasure House creeks.

Beach restoration program set

Starting next year, Virginia Beach will embark on a large-scale restoration of public Chesapeake Bay beaches that will make them 100 to 150 feet wide, Phillip J. Roehrs, city water resources engineer, told the Bayfront Advisory Commission.

“We’re going to put a bunch of sand out there,” and continue to do so in four- to five-year cycles, Roehrs said. “This is going to change the nature of the community.”

The \$4.8 million project is expected to begin early next year. Maintenance program funding between 2018 and 2023 would amount to \$7.5 million.

Also underway is a Bay beach resiliency study to plan and design a strategy for protecting properties and reducing storm damage for Cape Henry and Ocean Park beaches, he said. The study will determine the need and level of protection required.

Another capital improvement program is dredging the Lynnhaven Inlet and connecting waterways. The last major dredging was in 2013. The next is expected in the fall of 2018, depending on federal funding, Roehrs said. The city’s annual cost is \$360,000.

Marina Shores goes to Planning Commission

A redevelopment application for part of the current Marina Shores development is on the agenda for the Sept. 13 Planning Commission meeting. Planners will hear presentations by Water Box LLC, owner and applicant, for a conditional use permit and conditional rezoning for the property at 2100 Marina Shores Drive. The commission meets at noon in City Council chamber.

The applicant is requesting to change the zoning classification on an 18.39-acre site from B-2 Community Business District and R-7.5 to both Conditional B-4 (SD) Mixed Use District (13.78 acres) and P-1 Preservation District (4.61 acres), respectively. As required for property zoned B-4 in the Shore Drive Overlay, a conditional use permit is requested to redevelop approximately 14 acres of the site with 200 multi-family dwellings.

Because the existing marina was developed prior to the current zoning ordinance, a permit for that use is required to bring make the site comply with current requirements. A second conditional use permit was requested to continue to use and operate the existing commercial marina without fuel sales.

Under a revised proposal, developers would reduce the number of proposed rental units by 25 percent, to 200. This reduction and reconfiguration eliminates a second proposed road to the property, which had met with city and nearby neighborhood resistance, Bradley J. Waitzer, developer representing owner Gail Higgs, told the Bayfront Advisory Commission this summer.

The reduction also makes a traffic signal at Lynnhaven Drive and North Great Neck Road unnecessary until future traffic growth warrants it, he said. The new proposal would decrease traffic from that generated under the currently approved site plan, he said.

As in the previous proposal, the current dry-shelter and gas pumps would be eliminated to make way for the rental units. Wet slips and the Surf Rider restaurant would remain. The open space proposed in the earlier application would end up at 4.61 acres, Mrs. Higgs said.

2nd permit ok'd for former Foon's site

City Council has approved a conditional use permit for Mermaid Winery craft winery at 4401 Shore Drive. Earlier this year, the council approved a conditional use permit application from Vibrant Brewery for the same property.

Who will occupy that building, a long-vacant former restaurant and hookah lounge, will be determined by negotiations between the two competing businesses and the property's owners, Foon and Bik Wong, the Bayfront Advisory Commission was told.

Chix Beach Crawl explained

Editor's note: The following is being reprinted from Facebook, with permission from the founders of the **Chix Beach Crawl**, to explain the development of this free ride service:

"We often get asked why we do what we do. So let me share our source of strength and purpose.

"14 years ago, a fatal tragedy struck our family, which impacted the entire community. Moreover, this horrific catastrophe became one of the catalysts that changed the Virginia DUI laws and served as the silver lining in our moment of pain.

"We use this loss to fuel our commitment to providing a positive service aimed at saving lives by reducing local DUI related incidents. Our shuttle service proudly displays the unity between Chix Beach and Shore Drive businesses and residents. It highlights our collaborative approach to ensuring everyone's dedication towards ensuring the safety, growth, and prosperity of their community.

"Our parent company, Virginia Beach Courier, provides us the platform to operate Chix Beach Crawl. Our mission is to cover operations so this free to ride service for residents becomes a permanent safe option.

"We are proud to say the demand continues to increase, which requires us to operate multiple vehicles to meet the demand. Thus, we are always looking for new partners and sponsors to support this life saving service.

"Everywhere we go residents stop us in the street to thank us, which we highly appreciate. However, our response is always the same, please thank our partners and sponsors because it's their commitment to this noble service that enables us to continue to operate.

"We would like to personally thank our partners and sponsors because no one should ever understand the pain associated with a DUI related loss:

LynnHaven Pub, The Reef, Bay Local Eatery, Mix it Up, Pleasure House Brewing, CP Shuckers Shore Drive, Dockside, Bucketheads Beach Grill, Green Parrot Grille, Buoy 44, The Patriot Pub, Bayside Inn Restaurant & Lounge, The Comfy Belly, New River Taphouse, Lubo Wine Tasting Room, 1608 Craffhouse and First Landing Auto Sales.

So Crawlers, please take the time to thank these socially responsible businesses who care about you. Let's also thank them through our continual support throughout the week.

Briefly

Carolyn D. Weems has been appointed School Board liaison to the Bayfront Advisory Commission. She represents District 4, Bayside, on the board. . . . Virginia Beach City Public Schools open today. Watch for school buses and children at stops.

Public Art Virginia Beach Foundation continues to accept donations to pay for the \$350,000 artwork for the Lesner Bridge, The Canoes. 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....

The Joint Expeditionary Base Little Creek-Fort Story is planning a shuttle between a parking lot outside the **Fort Story** gate to the Cape Henry Lighthouses a half mile away. The shuttle would answer new security regulations while allowing access to the popular attraction, said Mercedes Holland, speaking for base commander, Cpt. Joey L. Frantzen. "We have a lot of shared history here," she said.

The Route 35 Bayfront/Oceanfront bus shuttle will scale back to weekends only beginning Friday and running through the Neptune Festival Sept. 29-Oct. 1 before ending this pilot program until next spring. The shuttle operates from 8 a.m. to midnight between Vista Circle and Arctic Avenue every 45 minutes



Overture art unveiled

Ceremonies were held last week to unveil the artwork commissioned by owners of the Overture complex under construction on the northeast side of the Lesner Bridge.

Pictured here, from right, are Richard Stravitz, owner and sculptor, Richard Stravitz Sculpture & Fine Art Gallery; Jean Muehlen, sculpting assistant, and Vinnie Bumatay, sculpting assistant.

The cast bronze sculpture of an osprey is