



# BAYLINES

*Newsletter of the City Council-appointed  
Bayfront Advisory Commission*

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- **Martin A. Thomas**
- **Robert Thornton, Planning Commissioner**
- **James L. Wood, Councilman**

## Bayfront Advisory Commission

Thursday, March 15, 2018

Regular monthly meeting, 3:30-5 p.m.

Virginia Beach Resort Hotel 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

### ADJOURN

# City proceeds with wharf plan



*City of Virginia Beach file photo*

Virginia Beach plans to proceed with applications to convert the wharf at Lynnhaven Inlet from a temporary support facility for the Lesner Bridge replacement to a permanent municipal wharf, a public works official told the Bayfront Advisory Commission.

Opposition to this plan, which has predicated Lesner Bridge construction, continued into the BAC meeting with several of those pressing Coastal Engineer Phill Roehrs to promise an environmental impact study before the project moves forward.

Roehrs said the city would comply with all requirements by the state Department of Environmental Quality, Virginia Marine Resources Commission and Army Corps of Engineers as these regulating agencies review the wharf application.

David Williams, an opponent, asked if the city pledged to comply with environmental requirements. "Always," answered Roehrs.

BAC member Martin Thomas asked whether it was necessary for the City Council to pass an ordinance on this issue. Roerhrs replied no, "but you-all will have every leg to stand on if we break our promise."

It would cost about \$1.17 million to remove the wharf and about \$1.24 million to preserve it. The wharf would be used for federal Lynnhaven Inlet dredging contracts, mooring Army Corp dredges during such work, maintaining the new Lesner Bridge and storage of dredged materials from Crab Creek and Long Creek.

Williams characterized the plan as "creating a commercial junkyard for the (Army Corps of Engineers) versus private use .... You're changing the entire theme of the basin."

## Police provide ‘blue light” special

Notice a lot of blue flashing lights on Great Neck Road and Shore Drive in recent weeks?

It’s no coincidence.

Capt. Michael Ronan, commander of the Police Department’s 2<sup>nd</sup> Precinct, said his officers have been targeting those roads, especially when School Zone lights are flashing on Great Neck, in response to many citizen complaints about speeding.

Although the 35 mph speed limit on Shore Drive continues to be controversial, that is the speed the city has set and the speed that will be enforced, Ronin said.

After the meeting, he confided to a gathering that his own mother was ticketed during this push. And, no, she got no relief from her son.

## ***Shuttle to Cape Henry light in the works***

The city and the Navy are collaborating to establish a shuttle on Joint Expeditionary Base Fort Story that would allow visitors to historical sites on base like the Cape Henry Lighthouse without having to go through the strict vehicle checks, Mercedes Holland, an aide to base commander Capt. Joey L. Franzen told the BAC.

The proposal is to have a parking area outside the Fort Story gates at the northern end of Atlantic Avenue and allow visitors to catch a shuttle onto the base. This would cut down on long traffic delays as non-military visitors have to be screened along with base personnel, Holland said. The proposal will require City Council approval.



## *BRIEFLY ....*

Sand replenishment on Chesapeake Beach is expected to begin in May or June and be completed by the end of the year, Coastal Engineer Phill Roehrs told the BAC .... Kal Kassir and Scott Ayers were re-elected chairman and vice chairman of the BAC for 2018 .... The Board of Zoning Appeals will hold a public hearing on Wednesday, March 7, at 2 p.m. on a proposal to allow a 39-foot tall building height, instead of 35 feet, for a proposed single-family dwelling at 2217 Starfish Road .... The Planning Commission will hold a public hearing at its March 14 meeting on proposals to increase fees for certain applications, permits and variances.