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*Newsletter of the City Council-appointed
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Bayfront Advisory Commission

Thursday, May 17, 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

Shuttle Route 35 debuts May 20

A shuttle-bus linking the Bayfront and Oceanfront, with service every 30 minutes, launches Sunday, May 20. This represents an expansion of last summer's pilot service, both in distance and frequency.

Fares are \$2 each way for adults, \$1 for seniors age 65+ and free for children under age 17 with a paying adult. Under 17 without a paying adult may ride for \$1. Day passes, allowing unlimited rides on the route, sell for \$4.50 for adults, \$2.25 for seniors age 65+. Three-day, half-fare passes are also available.

Advance passes may be purchased at the following retail locations:

- Sunsations at 500, 812,1116, 1400, 2300, 2500, 3020 and 3300 Atlantic Avenue
- Virginia Gift Shop at 702, 1706 and 2412 Atlantic Avenue.
- Sports Alley at 2900 Atlantic Avenue
- Virginia Beach Visitors Bureau at 2100 Parks Avenue
- First Landing State Park Campground at 2500 Shore Drive and
- Virginia Beach Resort Hotel and Conference Center at 2800 Shore Drive

Exact-change fares can be paid at each shuttle stop.

"This is a great opportunity for residents to get to the Oceanfront" as well as for Oceanfront residents and visitors to sample Bayfront attractions, said Kal Kassir, chairman of the Bayfront Advisory Commission.

Last year's pilot program stretched only between the Lesner Bridge and 19th Street and ran every 45 minutes. Ridership was high enough that the city and Hampton Roads Transit agreed to make it a permanent summertime route. Shortening the gap between buses to every 30 minutes and extending the route to allow passengers to connect more easily with other HRT routes should increase ridership, officials have said.

Route 35 will run daily through Labor Day. From Sept. 7-30, the bus will run Friday-Sunday only.



\$286.3 million in Bayfront spending detailed

The Bayfront Advisory Commission received a comprehensive update on the past, present and future of improvement projects for the Shore Drive corridor, nine miles of four-lane highway stretching from Diamond Springs Road eastward to 83rd Street.

Nearly \$286.3 million has been earmarked or spent on projects in this corridor, including \$16.85 million completed, \$225.56 million ongoing and \$43.87 million in future spending, David Jarman of the city's Public Works Department told the commission.

The largest chunk of funds is for the Lesner Bridge replacement, which started in 2014 and should be completed later this year, Christopher J. Wojtowicz, engineering construction manager for the project, told the group. The gap on the eastbound stretch of the bridge will be closed by the remaining four spans, each taking 3 weeks to complete he said.

Another large project under way are the \$83.2 million eastern Shore Drive drainage projects, which will have several phases and be done in conjunction with Phase III of Shore Drive Road improvement. "That's a lot of money," Kassir commented during the presentation. The \$24.4 million Phase III road project will stretch from Vista Circle at the east end of the Lesner Bridge to North Great Neck Road. Construction of Phase III is expected to start in August 2019 and be finished in 2021.

The full presentation is available on the Bayfront Advisory Commission's city web site. Access it by clicking here <https://www.vbgov.com/government/departments/planning/boards-commissions-committees/Documents/BAC/Shore%20Drive%20Corridor%20Improvements%20BAC%2020180419.pdf>.



Interim Council leadership gives Bayfront clout

The City Council's election of Louis Jones as mayor and James Wood as vice mayor will, until November at least, give the Bayfront strong leadership clout downtown. Jones, Bayside council member, was elevated from vice mayor to mayor by council vote following the resignation of Mayor Will Sessoms that took effect last week. Wood, the Lynnhaven District councilman replaces Jones. An election will be held in November to fill the balance of Sessoms' term.



Sand replenishment is under way on Chesapeake Beach.

Volunteers sought for BAC committees

The Bayfront Advisory Commission seeks volunteers to serve on its working committees. They are

- Design, which develops design guidelines for the Shore Drive corridor and conducts the Commission's design awards program;

- Communications, which develops and distributes information through *Baylines* (monthly email newsletter), Facebook, Next Door and other devices, and
- Public Safety, Transit, Parking & Pedestrian Access, which works with appropriate city and regional agencies on these issues.

Citizens and businesses interested in serving on these committees should contact Kal Kassir, Commission chairman, at kkassir@aol.com.



Work continues on modernizing John B. Dey Elementary school. For details on the project, click here:
http://www.vbschools.com/school_renovation/schools/JohnBDEyES.asp