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To whom it may concern:

On behalf of the Ocean Park Civic League (OPCL), I am writing in response to the requested permit modifications for the bulkhead used for the Lesner bridge reconstruction, referred to as the Lynnhaven Municipal Wharf (LMW). Ocean Park is the neighborhood that is adjacent to the Lynnhaven Municipal Wharf.

Ocean Park Civic League does not support the city's request to maintain the bulkhead used for bridge construction as a permanent wharf. The membership indicated at the May 2018 general membership meeting to specifically oppose neighborhood dredge spoils being transported through LMW and will oppose all Special Service District (SSD) applications where LMW is specifically identified as an off-load site for dredge spoils.

In the past, OPCL has submitted inquiries to the City of Virginia Beach regarding the use of the LMW, but the answers have been vague about the city's planned use for this site. We have recently been informed of plans for a perimeter roadway around the parking facility at the Lynnhaven boat ramp which raises a multitude of new questions. We do not believe the dredging offload operations at this location are a compatible or safe use for a recreational area where boaters, paddle boards, kayaks, and other personal watercraft are sharing the narrow channel. There is also the unanswered question of how much truck traffic through the boat ramp and the neighborhood will be added that might further disrupt a heavily travelled area.

OPCL respectfully requests a public hearing to serve the public interest on this proposal.

OPCL is also requesting that the Army Corps of Engineers provide complete documents from the City of Virginia Beach regarding the details of planned development and of all infrastructure changes relative to the future operations at the Lynnhaven Municipal Wharf and surrounding Lynnhaven Boat Ramp and Beach Facility

Sincerely,

Andrew Broyles
President, Ocean Park Civic League