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BAYFRONT ADVISORY COMMISSION
Bayside Recreation Center
3:30 p.m.
4500 First Court Road
January 16, 2020

CALL TO ORDER

DISCUSSION OF COMMISSION MEMBERSHIP

ELECTION OF OFFICERS FOR 2020

APPROVAL OF MINUTES

Review and Approval of Minutes from 11/21/2019

CHAIRMAN'S REPORT

Welcome Guests and Introductions – Charles Malon

STAFF REPORTS & UPDATES

COMMITTEE REPORTS & UPDATES

Design –

Communications -

Public Safety, Transit, Parking & Pedestrian Access – Charles Malbon

PROJECT BRIEFINGS

Sand replenishment and dredging projects – Public Works Coastal division

Stormwater projects – Public Works Stormwater division

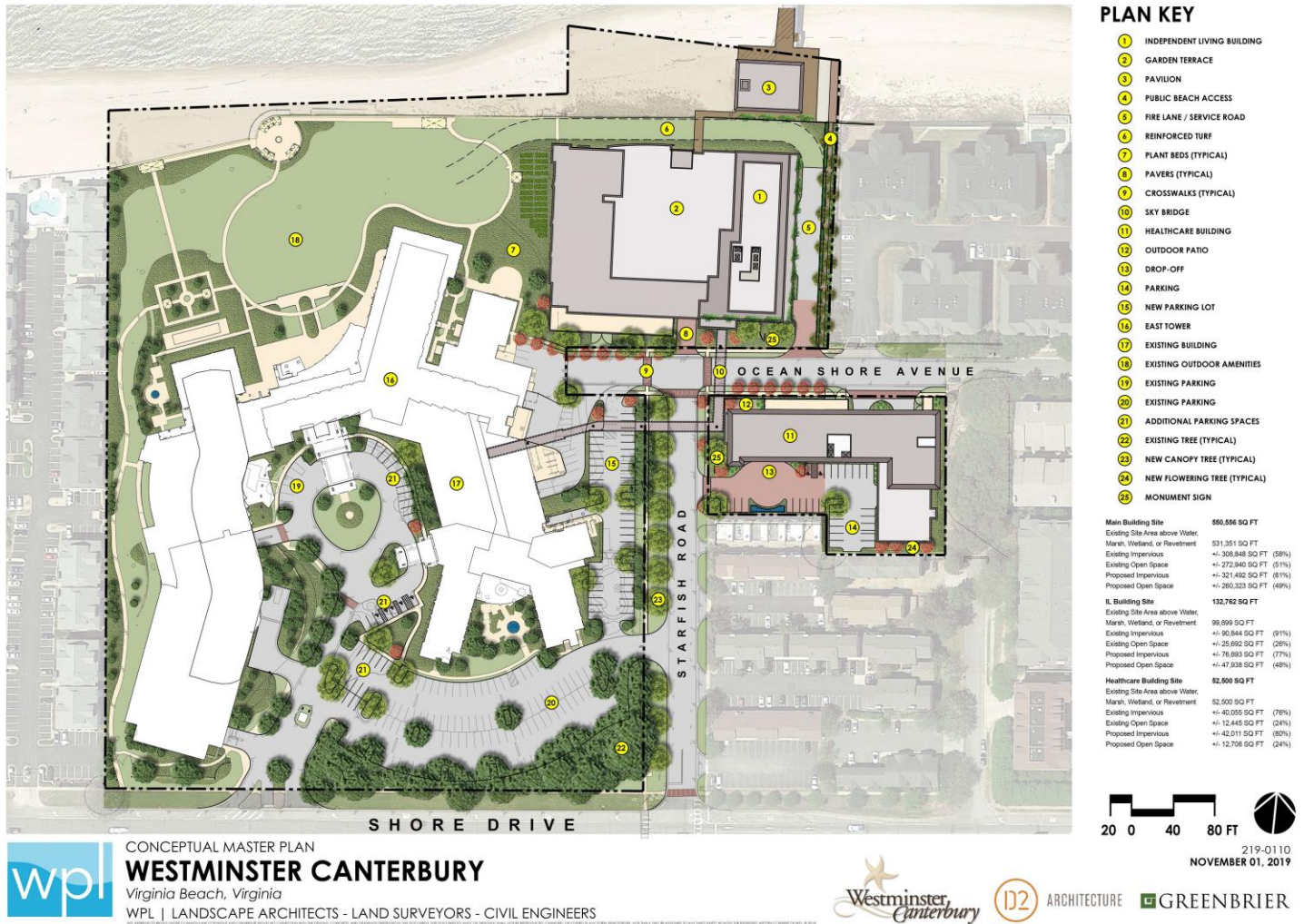
OLD BUSINESS

NEW BUSINESS

COMMUNITY REPORTS & UPDATES

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Massive expansion planned off Shore Drive

In a massive proposed expansion of nearly \$400 million, Westminster Canterbury on Chesapeake Bay plans two additional buildings on property it either owns or has a contract for purchase, including a 22-story tower where the Lynnhaven Fishing Pier was along the Bayfront.

The proposed expansion would increase the number of independent-living units by 217 in the new tower and would include a second, seven-story, structure to house 75 assisted-living and 48 memory-care units, R.J. Nutter, spokesman for the company, told the Bayfront Advisory Commission in a briefing. The new buildings and existing structure would be connected by air-conditioned, elevated pedestrian bridges spanning Starfish Rod and Ocean Shore Avenue, he said. Parking would be provided on site.

The retirement facility currently has a waiting list of 550 applicants. "We're building behind the curve" of increased demand from the aging Baby Boomer generation, Nutter said. The buildings' height and dimensions have been approved by the Federal Aviation Administration, he said.

Westminster Canterbury is hoping for construction buildout by 2025. The assisted-living construction would begin first and is about 2 years away.

UPDATE: School construction projects



Students at John B. Dey and Thororoughood elementary schools are expected to return to renovated or brand-new facilities in the fall, according to the school division's buildings and facilities guru.

Anthony Arnold, executive director of facilities services, told ***Baylines*** in an interview that the long-wished-for disappearance of portable classrooms at Dey, Thororoughood and Hermitage (host to all of Thororoughood's pupils during the teardown and replacement of its neighbors) will take place this spring.

Thororoughood, a \$33.5 million complete replacement, had a capacity of 648 students, with an enrollment of 677 at the beginning of work on the 62-year-old facility. Dey's construction is what Arnold called an "occupied modernization" of the original building opened originally in 1956 that has had interim expansions due to student enrollment growth. Dey estimated cost was nearly \$26 million at year-end 2019.

None of the schools involved in these construction projects is physically in the Bayfront overlay district. But most Bayfront pupils who attend public schools go to one of these three schools.

For more information, click here:

https://www.vbschools.com/about_us/departments/facilities_services/modernization_replacement_projects

In brief

After more than two decades on the Bayfront Advisory Commission, **Scott Ayers** retired from the BAC at year's end. A ceremony commemorating his service will be held at a later date ...

The Planning Commission last week recommended that City Council approve a conditional use permit for Ferguson Wedding Co. LLC for a banquet hall within an existing 3,000-square-foot building at 2105 W. Great Neck Road on the Long Bay Point property. Recommended conditions include ending all events by midnight

The Planning Commission and City Council will consider in the coming months adopting design guidelines governing small cell towers to support that growing 5G wireless technology. The City will have little control over the towers because of a Federal Communications Commission ruling and order last year taking jurisdiction over this technology....

Scooters, which raised a brouhaha with their sudden appearance in Virginia Beach last year, are expected to return this spring, but with tighter safety regulations and speed restrictions. The scooters will be prohibited on any highway with a speed limit higher than 25 mph. Speed limits for the scooters themselves will be 15 mph throughout the city except on shared paths like the Cape Henry Trail where 10mph will be the limit.