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Ocean Park Volunteer Rescue Squad
3769 E. Stratford Drive
(Enter on side opposite Shore Drive)
July 20, 2023

CALL TO ORDER – 3:30 pm

APPROVAL OF MINUTES

Review and Approval of Minutes from 6/15/23 meeting

CHAIRMAN'S REPORT

Welcome Guests and Introductions – Phil Davenport, Chair

STAFF REPORTS

PRESENTATIONS/PROJECT BRIEFINGS

SUBCOMMITTEE REPORTS

Design – Bob Magoon

Communications – Paul Schubert

Public Safety, Transit, Parking & Pedestrian Access – Martin Thomas

UPDATES OF CURRENT PROJECTS

- Report on 7/20 BAC Work Session for Annual Report

OLD BUSINESS

NEW BUSINESS

- BAC Participation in Comprehensive Plan focus groups
 - 1 participant from District 8, one from District 9
 - Meeting for Districts 6 & 8 is on 7/26 at 6pm at Great Neck Recreation Center
 - Meeting for Districts 4 & 9 is on 7/27 at 6pm at The Hive in Town Center
 - Other members and attendees are also welcome to attend

COMMUNITY REPORTS & PUBLIC COMMENTS

ADJOURN

BAYFRONT ADVISORY COMMISSION

DRAFT MINUTES – June 15, 2023

The regular meeting of the Bayfront Advisory Commission was held on June 15, 2023, at 3:30 p.m., at the Ocean Park Fire and Rescue Squad Building (3769 E. Stratford Road).

MEMBERS PRESENT: Phil Davenport (Chair), Bob Magoon (Vice Chair), Morgan Ayers, Joe Bovee, Bill Hearst, Martin Thomas, Stacey Shiflet, John Coston, Holly Cuellar, Joash Schulman

MEMBERS ABSENT: Wally Damon (Excused), Chuck Guthrie (Excused), Frank Rabena (excused), Christopher Taylor (Excused)

CITY STAFF PRESENT: Hank Morrison – Planning, Kay Wilson – City Attorney

CALL TO ORDER

Chair Phil Davenport called the meeting to order at 3:35pm.

MOTION TO APPROVE THE MINUTES FROM 5/18/23 MEETING

A motion was made by Bill Hearst, seconded by Morgan Ayers, to approve the minutes from the 5/18/23 meeting.

The motion passed 7-0.

CHAIR'S REPORT

The Chair reported that the sand haul is going ahead of schedule, projected to finished by mid-july. The work crew will be off Saturday, July 1 – Tuesday, July 4.

He also reported that he is waiting to hear from Public Works on the funding/costs for interim safety improvements that have been identified on Shore Drive. Expecting an update from Phil Pullen in July or August.

STAFF REPORTS

Hank Morrison made the following announcements:

- New Senior Transportation Planner started today, Uros Jovanovic, coming over from HRTPO. Also have a new Comprehensive Planner 1 coming onboard next

month. We will be interviewing for a second transportation planner 1 in the next few weeks.

- Kathy Warren is new Planning Director, Carrie Bookholt is new Deputy Director
- New city website is up and running as of today
- Newsletter is up on city website
- In addition to the August PC applications for Commonwealth Brewing, there is an application for 2 street closures at the corner of Shore Drive and Marlin Bay. Hank will ask the applicant or their representative to come to next month's meeting to brief the group on the proposal and future plans.

PRESENTATIONS/DISCUSSIONS

Mr. Eddie Bourdon, representative for Commonwealth Brewery spoke about the proposed street closure and modification of conditions that will be on the August Planning Commission agenda.

- The street closure is to close a portion of Lake Drive to incorporate it into the overall property and provide additional parking for the brewery.
- The modification of conditions is to incorporate the newly acquired properties surrounding the brewery into the overall site plan, and allow operation within those areas.
- Questions from BAC:
 - Will all the parking be paved? There is gravel on the site currently, but it will not be permanent. The updates will be phased, and the gravel will eventually be replaced with pavement.
 - There will be no outdoor entertainment on the property, but the city does allow special event permits for 4 events per year.
 - The city does not own the underlying fee to Lake Drive, as it was not required to be dedicated when it was originally created.

Motion to recommend approval to Planning Commission and City Council: Bob Magoon;
Seconded by Martin Thomas.

BAC voted 7-0 to recommend approval of the street closure and modification of conditions.

COMMITTEE REPORTS

- **DESIGN** – No reports
- **COMMUNICATION** – Reported that there are 131 subscribers to Baylines Newsletter
- **PUBLIC SAFETY, TRANSIT, PARKING & PEDESTRIAN ACCESS** – Martin Thomas reported that he had looked at potential sites for bike racks.
 - Kendall and Ocean Shore
 - Oak and Ocean Shore
 - End of Roanoke Ave
 - West end of Jefferson Blvd
 - Noted that there was a rack that was half buried in sand on Rookery Way
 - Lee Ave
 - Lee Court

Chair requested that Mr. Thomas send list of potential spots to Public Works, Active Transportation, Planning Commissioners and City Councilors.

PROJECT BRIEFINGS

There were no project briefings.

OLD BUSINESS

No old business

NEW BUSINESS

1. CM Schulman brought up a proposed ordinance to amend BAC membership
 - Proposed: Add 1 student from District 8, 1 from District 9, 1 from environmental studies program (non-voting members)

- to invite more participation in BAC, adding 2 new voting members. Potential ideas to transition out Commanding Officer at Little Creek and First Landing State Park Manager as members, but keep them as invited guests, while replacing them with 2 new voting members.
 - Ex-officio members continue to be non-voting members.
 - Chair supported the idea to add students. Thinks they should be appointed by council.
 - CM Schulman will revise the ordinance and send back to Chair.
2. A discussion about the Annual Report was held. It was decided that the July 20 meeting would begin at 12:00pm, for the BAC members and members of the community to work on goals and objectives for FY24 and come up with future recommendations for City Council.
 3. BAC opted to work with the city's contracted design services consultant for the update to the Shore Drive Corridor Plan and Design Guidelines. Bob Magoon and Joe Bovee would be heavily involved in the drafting of the scope of work for the project, and the scope of work would include periodic updates/presentations to the BAC.

COMMUNITY REPORTS AND UPDATES

Empsy Munden reported that the lights on Lesner Bridge need maintenance, and that the HRT Route 35 WAVE line is using regular buses instead of trolleys.

Martha Therault reported that overgrown bushes are blocking a bus stop at Bay Lake Pines.

Todd Solomon reported that the Cape Story Civic League met with Parks and Rec to discuss solutions for traffic calming and safety in the neighborhood. The concept of a "bike boulevard" was brought up, which would emphasize the right-of-way for bikes on the Cape Henry Trail by adding stop signs for cars instead of bikes.

ADJOURNMENT

There being no further business, the meeting was adjourned at 5:40 pm.

Phil Davenport
Chair

Hank Morrison
Comprehensive Planning Administrator