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**BAYFRONT ADVISORY COMMISSION
Ocean Park Volunteer Rescue Squad
3769 E. Stratford Drive
(Enter on side opposite Shore Drive)
September 21, 2023**

CALL TO ORDER – 3:30 pm

APPROVAL OF MINUTES

Review and Approval of Minutes from 8/17/23 meeting

CHAIRMAN'S REPORT

PRESENTATIONS/PROJECT BRIEFINGS

- Shore Drive CIP Projects Update – Bill Purcell and Jason Wilson, Public Works, Transportation Program and Project Management

SUBCOMMITTEE REPORTS

- Design – Bob Magoon
- Communications – Paul Schubert
- Public Safety, Transit, Parking & Pedestrian Access – Martin Thomas

STAFF REPORTS

OLD BUSINESS

NEW BUSINESS

- Tree Removal at Virginia Natural Gas property (Shore Drive & Dupont Circle)
- Virginia Beach Court Appointed Special Advocates (VB CASA) Overview – Morgan Ayers

PUBLIC COMMENTS

ADJOURN

BAYFRONT ADVISORY COMMISSION

DRAFT MINUTES – August 17, 2023

The regular meeting of the Bayfront Advisory Commission was held on August 17, 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, Wally Damon, Bill Hearst, Stacey Shiflet, Andrea Lindemann, Martin Thomas, Councilmember Joash Schulman, Planning Commissioner Holly Cuellar, Planning Commissioner John Coston

MEMBERS ABSENT: Chuck Guthrie (excused), Lexi Bradshaw (excused), Molly Jones (excused)

CITY STAFF PRESENT: Hank Morrison – Planning, Tori Eisenberg – City Attorney, Dan Adams – Public Works

CALL TO ORDER

Chair Phil Davenport called the meeting to order at 3:30pm.

MOTION TO APPROVE THE MINUTES FROM 7/20/23 MEETING

A motion was made by Wally Damon, seconded by Bill Hearst, to approve the minutes from the 7/20/23 meeting.

The motion passed 9-0.

CHAIR'S REPORT

The Chair welcomed Mercedes Holland, the Community Plans and Liaison Officer for JEB Little Creek and Fort Story. She works directly for the base commander and engages with the community and will try to attend BAC meetings regularly, time-permitting.

Chair announced that two new student, non-voting members have been added to the BAC. Ms. Molly Jones and Ms. Lexi Bradshaw.

Chair announced that Councilmember Schulman will be hosting a listening session for District 9 at the Bayside Recreation Center on Saturday, August 19 from 5:30-7:00pm to learn about priorities for District 9 and citywide.

STAFF REPORTS

Hank Morrison made the following announcements:

- Initial focus groups for the Comprehensive Plan occurred in July and were a success.
- Consultant will be presenting the draft set of themes for the Comprehensive Plan in another round of focus groups in September. Mr. Morrison will send out the list of dates and times soon and requested that members of the Commission and community reach out if they would like to participate.
- Open public meetings will be held in November.
- Interim Sidewalk improvements: PW are still scoping and will have a cost/schedule soonest.
- Commonwealth Brewing Company is going to Planning Commission on September 13 - they have revised their site plans to include a sidewalk, curb and gutter along Pleasure House Road.
- 2 applications in the Marina Shores Shopping Center are also going to Planning Commission next month:
 - Launch Creative Space – applying for an assembly use CUP. They will have a maximum number of 50 people for events like birthday parties, baby showers, and corporate events, and the hours will be from 8:00am-8:00pm, 7 days a week.
 - Taylor's Do-It Center is apply for a bulk storage CUP to formalize their ability to sell seasonal things like mulch in the spring and Christmas trees in the fall/winter.
 - All 3 items are recommended for approval by staff.

PRESENTATIONS/DISCUSSIONS

Dan Adams from Public Works Coastal Division made the following announcements:

- Eastern branch dredging contract was awarded. First time it has been dredged in 25 years.
 - Dredge material being offloaded at cripple creek near VB Blvd
- Cape Henry Beach elevation will remain the same after renourishment, but beach will be wider. 50-100 feet. Volume: 170,000 cubic yards
 - Out to bid in November, award in December, execution in February 2024
- Chesapeake Beach renourishment: bids opened in August, project expected to take 3 months, but firm's schedule has not been finalized. Information will be sent out to the bayfront community when finalized.
 - Mercedes Holland from JEB Little Creek will working with Dan Adams to coordinate sand replenishment on western Chick's Beach

- Cape Henry Beach sand haul – restored 1800 linear feet of beach, added a dune feature, watching for invasive vegetation on the beach berm.
- One request for private dredging at Lesner Bridge. Generating one more load, trucking out by September. No pending applications.
 - If more requests come in, Chair requested that Dan come to explain the request to BAC.

COMMITTEE REPORTS

- **DESIGN** – No reports
- **COMMUNICATION** – Reported that there are 139 subscribers to Baylines Newsletter
- **PUBLIC SAFETY, TRANSIT, PARKING & PEDESTRIAN ACCESS** – Martin Thomas announced that HRT is having 4 “fare free” days between November 2023 and June 2024
 - Nov 7 Election Day
 - Feb 5 Transit Equity Day
 - April 22, Earth Day
 - June 19, Juneteenth

PROJECT BRIEFINGS

There were no project briefings.

OLD BUSINESS

- Vote on FY23 Annual Report – Annual report was adopted, pending the requested changes to the accomplishments section, and changes to the wording of goals/objectives of the Commission.
 - Motion: Stacey Shiflet, Second: Morgan Ayers. Adopted unanimously.

NEW BUSINESS

The Chair requested Chair asked BAC and community to think of projects for the student team and discuss at next month’s meeting.

- Suggested finding candidates for new beach accesses/improvements for existing beach accesses
- Accessibility as a general theme

Mercedes Holland announced:

- 8/29 – Fort Story hosting a ribbon cutting for the USS Iowa gun barrel. Commemorates the anniversary of the surrender of Japan in Tokyo. Located next to the old light house. Will also be live streamed on Facebook. Recommends getting there early.

COMMUNITY REPORTS AND UPDATES

Tim Solanic suggested ad hoc committee to assist in reducing traffic on shore drive during Phase III construction.

- Chair requested that Dan Adams talk to Phil Pullen and Ric Lowman to see if there is any way BAC can be of assistance to the city as they plan for traffic management for the project

Danny Murphy reported that on August 5, two people were shot at the boat ramp. Police watchtower and cameras have been installed.

Councilmember Schulman reported that Windsong apartment construction traffic has been abated.

ATAC Update: annual report deals with pedestrian safety and bicycle education. Bike rack locations From Transportation committee were provided to Parks and Rec department. Took a bike tour of the Oceanfront area and pointed to obstacles that make it difficult to traverse. Suggested doing a similar ride along shore drive.

ADJOURNMENT

There being no further business, the meeting was adjourned at 5:15 p.m.

Phil Davenport
Chair

Hank Morrison
Comprehensive Planning Administrator



BAYFRONT ADVISORY COMMISSION TRANSPORTATION PROGRAM UPDATE

September 21, 2023



CITY OF VIRGINIA BEACH

Public
Works

LOCATION MAP



PLEASURE HOUSE ROAD PHASE I (100524)

Total
Cost:
\$10.0 M

Future
Funding:
\$8.9 M

- 5-foot concrete sidewalk along Pleasure House from Northampton Blvd to Shore Dr (0.5 mi)
- Street and safety improvements
- New curb and gutter, drainage, and bike accommodations
- Preliminary Engineering Report Under Review
- Public Meeting in Fall 2023 to review concepts



PLEASURE HOUSE ROAD PHASE II (100306)

Total
Cost:
\$18.7 M

Future
Funding:
\$16.8 M

- Street and Safety Improvements from Shore Drive to Lookout Road (0.9 miles)
- New curb and gutter, drainage, concrete sidewalk, and bike accommodations
- Preliminary Engineering Report Under Review
- Public Meeting in Fall 2023 to review concepts



SHORE DRIVE PHASE III (100381)

Total
Cost:
\$48.1 M

Future
Funding:
\$2.1 M

- Four lanes from Vista Circle to Beech St (1.2 mi)—no capacity expansion
- Provides Access Management to improve roadway safety
- Includes bike and pedestrian accommodations
- Site Acquisition and Private Utilities Relocations underway
- Estimated Construction start Spring 2024 (3.5 yr duration)
- Total Cost includes DPU and HRSD betterments



SHORE DRIVE PHASE IV (100383)

Total
Cost:
\$33.6 M

Future
Funding:
\$30.9 M

- Four lanes from Marlin Bay Drive to East Stratford Road (0.8 mi)—no capacity expansion
- Provides Access Management to improve roadway safety
- Includes bike and pedestrian accommodations
- Draft Preliminary Engineering Report is under review
- Coordination with Ocean Park Neighborhood Stormwater Master Plan to achieve multiple outcomes if possible
- Project scope will be refined to address new SW requirements, budget figures will be further refined as well



SHORE DRIVE PEDESTRIAN IMPROVEMENTS SIDEWALKS (100383.001)

Total
Cost:
\$2.0 M

Future
Funding:
\$2.0 M

- Interim pedestrian improvements from Marlin Bay Dr to Lesner Bridge
- Proposed improvements include: ADA compliant sidewalks and curb ramps
- Stormwater quality requirements to be satisfied with offsite credits
- Existing survey work from Shore Dr PH IV utilized for this project
- Schedule will be determined once project scoping is finalized



Questions?