

BAYSIDE ADVISORY COMMITTEE MEETING

October 16, 2008

MEMBERS PRESENT

Kal Kassir
Scott Ayres
Joe Bovee
Judy Connors
Alaura Guion
Fred Hazelwood
Charles Malbon
Randy Wallace

STAFF PRESENT

Clay Bernick
Kay Wilson
June McDaniels
Virginia Nalepinski

CALL TO ORDER

- The Bayside Advisory Committee (BAC) meeting was held at the Bayside Recreation Center and was called to order by Kal Kassir. Opened questions and comments from public.

CHARIMAN'S REPORT - Kal Kassir

- Kal suggested after looking over the minutes for August and September that the BAC take the minutes home to go over them and if there are any changes or corrections at that time, they should be brought up at the next meeting in November.

ROADWAY UPDATE – Phil Pullen

Phil gave an update on the Shore Drive Projects:

- Phase I is almost complete; street lighting should be installed by the end of month with some landscaping and clean-up associated with that afterwards.
- Jade Street eastbound right turn lane project should start next week.
- Phase II and III – negotiating with consultant.
- Phase IV – project ongoing and a second public meeting is forthcoming. Phase IV goes from Marlin Bay Drive to western part of Lesner Bridge and is slated to start 2012, be completed in 2013, and is fully funded.
- June inquired about West Great Neck sidewalk. It is to start this fall and be completed by the end of this year.
- June noted that there is a median cut-through near the 7-11 west of Shady Oaks that motorists are using for a cut-through which is destroying the vegetation that was planted there.

LESNER BRIDGE UPDATE – David Jarmen

Clark◆Nexsen was present and informed BAC that a public meeting is forthcoming.

- Some of the milestones that noted were:
 - Listening Tours in 2007
 - Design Charrette on 11-7-07
 - Initiated 35% Design started in February of 2008.
 - Constructive meetings with VDOT and FHWA and Dominion VA Power
 - No additional funding from State; searching for other possible opportunities for funding.
- Dave Wood explained NEPA, the National Environmental Policy Act's roles.
 - The lead agency is FHWA with VDOT providing review and oversight.
 - Working with Army Corps of Engineers (ACOE) and Coast Guard
 - Project should be completed in 18 months duration.
 - Projection of 12 months to prepare the environmental assessment.
 - At 6 months, circulation to get approval from VDOT and Federal Highways Administration (FHA) and release document for public comment.
- Visual of the bridge design which included bridge length, width and alignment alternatives, should they occur. Many variables to consider and will be brought up in the Public Information Meeting to be scheduled.
 - If bridge is build to the south, relocation of lines will be required by Dominion Virginia Power
 - If bridge is built to the north, alignment of 30' would not impact the Dominion Virginia Power lines.
 - 35% of the design will be brought to the City of review in approximately a week
 - Public meeting in early 2009 to show bridge design
 - Landscaping design will be available in about a week
 - Alternatives of bridge design to be shown to the public
 - 60% of design plan should be shown in early 2009
- Open Discussion - Kal Kassir
 - The bridge is now 35' and they anticipate having 45' of clearance.
 - Dominion Virginia Power will relocate the power lines.

ZONING ENFORCEMENT - Randy Wallace

- Atlantic Motor Sports on Shore Drive is attempting to bring to compliance their conditional use permit.
- The Solo gas station on Shore Drive and Independence Boulevard and needs to update their conditional use permit for the car lot.
- The new owner at Greenwell Road and Shore Drive is interested in sprucing up his lot by putting in some new landscaping and he requested a meeting with the BAC.
- The new owner of the Yellow Finn (Second Alarm) on Shore Drive desires to update their conditional use permit and put in new landscaping to improve their site.
- The Shore Drive Marine has new owner and he is expressing a desire to abide by the conditional use permit rules and would also like to meet with the BAC.

DEVELOPMENT BOARD AND COMMISSIONS UPDATE – Clay Bernick

- Last month Clay informed BAC that he was going to keep it updated on pending actions before the Planning Commission, Wetlands Board, Chesapeake Bay Preservation Area Board or the Board of Zoning Appeals that would have impact within the Bayfront area but he has nothing to report this month.
- Seaside Shoppes at Albemarle and Shore Drive has had a variance since last year to attach an addition on the eastside of an existing house.
- Wendy's has satisfied BAC's concerns and they are moving forward.

Website Update – Clay Bernick

- Clay noted that when BAC representatives met on Monday with City media staff, one of the major issues that were discussed was how cumbersome it is to find information for the Shore Drive area on the website. One of the areas the City has taken care of is the "Hot Topics" page for the Bayfront area. There used to be 2 things listed now there is only 1.
- There is a new website access. Enter vbgov.com/bayfront, and it will take you to the same spot as Hot Topics.

Strategic Growth Areas – Clay Bernick

- There has been a lot more focus/discussion about strategic growth areas (SGAs) and their potential applicability to the Bayfront area. There are 12 identified SGAs and another called #13, which is the Oceanfront.
- There are 5 guiding principles that the Comprehensive Plan lays out for SGAs which are:
 - Sufficient use of land
 - Full use of urban services
 - Compatible use of mixes
 - Range of transportation opportunities
 - Have a real emphasis on design

City Council has decided that with each of the designated SGAs in the current Comprehensive Plan or any additional SGAs which may be considered for the new Comprehensive Plan, they want to start devoting funding for hiring a consultant team to come in and help develop a master plan for each of these SGAs. Master plans are already being developed for the Burton Station and Oceanfront areas, and one is being proposed for the Town Center area.

DESIGN SUBCOMMITTEE – June McDaniels

- Several encroachment sites have not been addressed due to the lack of funding. Shore Drive Phase III project is one of them. June emphasized the importance of providing safety at these sites for both motorists and pedestrians.
- Community sign issues came up. The BAC agreed to go ahead with the low lying neighborhood identification signs in medians.

- June noted that Mr. Pauls asked the subcommittee to look at a couple of items in response to the comprehensive plan letter they wrote to him and inquired as to whether all or part of the Bayfront area should be considered for designation as an SGA.
- June noted that there is an application before the Virginia Marine Resources Commission for new pound nets on the Bayfront between the Resort Conference Center and Cape Story.

Communications Subcommittee – Scott Ayres

- Scott noted that they met with the City staff concerning the BAC website. Meetings may be covered by the press better in the future.

Fiscal and Economic Incentives subcommittee – Jim Arnold – Absent; no report.

PROJECT BRIEFINGS – Clay Bernick – Nothing to report

NEW BUSINESS - Clay Bernick

- New By-laws incorporated.
- Reviewed four major goals from workshop in July.
- Create list called the “Parking Lot List” for all ideas or things tossed out the BAC wants to keep track of.
- Next month there will be some new update information and possibly a briefing on the new website.

PUBLIC COMMENTS AND Open Discussion – Kal Kassir

- Brenda Enis noted that at East Startford and Shore Drive there are signs that she believes are not conforming to standards.
- Had concerns with illegal tie-ins at the Yellow Fin Tuna Restaurant. That should be addressed by Public Works in the scope of Phase IV.
- Addressed mixed use and commercial use and feel they need structure to deal with the problems.
- Vehicles park too close to the street on Kendall Street and Shore Drive which is causing a dangerous situation.
- Inquiry if there was any latest information available to replenish sand at Lesner Bridge to Fort Story. June will check on request and report at next meeting.
- Glen Ware inquired as to the pollution advisory “discharge zone.”

The meeting was adjourned.

Next meeting will be November 20, at 3:30 p.m., at Bayside Recreation Center

Respectfully submitted,
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