



SHORE DRIVE COMMUNITY COALITION
2260 First Landing Lane
Virginia Beach, VA 23451

July 26, 2008

Subject: Proposed change of zoning district from P-1 to B-2 for the City owned marina at 3211 Lynnhaven Drive (August 13th Planning Commission Agenda item #18 & #19).

Dear Ms. Christie,

At it's June meeting, the Shore Drive Community Coalition (SDCC) voted unanimously to oppose the proposed rezoning of the City marina from P-1 to B-2.

This letter is being submitted to make City Staff, the Planning Commission and City Council aware of this opposition and to request that the proposed rezoning of this site be discontinued. The community feels that the possible problems created by rezoning and planned privatization of the marina outweigh any possible benefits for the local community as well as the rest of Virginia Beach. The SDCC recommends that marina remain zoned as P-1 and that the City continue to be the operator based on the following reasons:

- City Code lists a marina as a principal use under P-1 zoning
- The current marina is a money making operation to the tune of about \$50,000 per year
- Recent renovations to the marina mean that public tax dollars shouldn't have to be spent on this site for many years to come.
- Keeping the marina under City management and operation allows the community faster response to parking and other code violation issues. Privatization effectively adds a middleman to any public complaint issues.

Thank you for listening to our concerns and for making the right decision to not rezone the marina.

If you have any questions, I can be reached at 667-8533 Cell or todd@sdcc.info

Sincerely,

Todd R. Solomon

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