



# Baylines

*Newsletter of the City Council-appointed*

## **Bayfront Advisory Commission**

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- Kal Kassir, Chairman
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- David Redmond, Planning Commissioner
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- Martin A. Thomas
- Robert Thornton, Planning Commissioner
- James L. Wood, Councilman

**Bayfront Advisory Commission meets**

**Thursday, March 16, 2017**

**3:30-5:30 pm**

**Virginia Beach Resort and Conference Center**

2800 Shore Drive

### **Agenda**

#### **CALL TO ORDER**

Welcome and Introductions - Kal Kassir, Chair

#### **CHAIRMAN'S REPORT**

Comments from Kal Kassir, Chair  
Review and Approval of Minutes

#### **STAFF REPORTS & UPDATES -- Mark Shea, Tobias Eisenlohr**

#### **COMMITTEE REPORTS & UPDATES**

Public Safety, Transit, Parking & Pedestrian Access- Charles Malbon  
Design Review – Joseph Bovee  
Communications – Scott Ayers

#### **COMMUNITY REPORTS & UPDATES**

#### **NEW BUSINESS**

Beachy Clean Virginia Beach -- Christina Trapani

#### **OLD BUSINESS**

#### **PROJECT BRIEFINGS, OPEN DISCUSSION & COMMENTS FROM PUBLIC**

Public Comment Period

#### **ADJOURN**

# Storm water fixes coming

## EXHIBIT 1 - CAPE HENRY SLUICE GATES



An interim project to help with tidal flooding along eastern Shore Drive neighborhoods is under way. But the Big Fix won't arrive until a major project being coordinated with the next Shore Drive improvement phase is funded and under way, two Public Works Department officials told the Bayfront Advisory Commission.

Construction along the Cape Henry Ditch involves three fully automated sluice gates that will be triggered by water-level sensors at eight strategic spots, said Michael S. Bumbaco III, project manager. The gates, which will open and close based on tidal flooding and rainfall amounts, are at West Great Neck Road, North Great Neck Road and First Landing Lane.

Mundy and colleague Michael W. Mundy, water resources storm water manager for the more extensive drainage work, agreed that the interim project can help alleviate some tidal flooding in the areas south of Shore Drive. Two of the gates flank the First Landing fire station, which contains a sewer pump with a backup generator if the power fails, Bumbaco said. And the Cape Henry Ditch will be widened and cleaned out to handle more flooding.

However, the flood gates cannot be expected to handle the types of 100-year rain storms that inundated the area last summer and fall, the officials said. The longer-term project, for which planning and design have been partly approved and funded, is still about a decade out.

This would involve installing better-sized pipes and a series of storm water pump stations that will help protect rain-flooded areas along Shore Drive and its northern neighbors as well. The projects would be sequenced from west to east starting from the new Lesner Bridge, Mundy said. Plans call for a pump station at Vista Circle to discharge into the city's marina area and protect the area to an elevation of seven feet.

The next phase will cover an area "so flat and so low that we're looking at two pump stations," Mundy said. They would be located off Sand Pine Road near the Lynnhaven Neighborhood Park where there already is a sewer pump station. That would be designed to protect to an elevation of seven feet.

Plans also call for phases covering Cape Story By The Sea and eastward. No funding has been allocated as planning and design work continue. The two men said storm water work is being coordinated with the next phase of the Shore Drive roadway safety improvement program slated to begin once the Lesner Bridge replacement is finished.

## ***"Outreach '17" signup deadline extended***

The deadline for Bayfront neighborhood organizations to place themselves on the invitation list for an upcoming outreach meeting has been extended. The Bayfront Advisory Commission plans to hold a meeting later this spring or early summer to solicit suggestions from civic leagues, condominium officials and neighborhood associations about their most-pressing issues and concerns.

Called "Outreach '17," the meeting or meetings will assist the City-Council-appointed Bayfront Advisory Commission with setting priorities for the coming year. The extension will allow those neighborhood groups who meet less frequently than monthly to poll their memberships about their most-pressing concerns and to appoint a contact person from the organization.

When scheduled, "Outreach '17" will be public.

To place a neighborhood on the invitation list, please send contact information to Scott Ayers, BAC Communications Committee chairman at [bayfrontadvisorycommissionvb@gmail.com](mailto:bayfrontadvisorycommissionvb@gmail.com). Reach him by phone at [\(757\) 671-3343](tel:757-671-3343).

## ***Lesner Bridge work update ...***

March activities for Lesner Bridge replacement, from Christopher J. Wojtowicz, project manager:

- Continue demolition of old eastbound and westbound bridges
- Open alternate channel in at Lynnhaven Inlet
- Install wick drains at both bridge approaches
- Begin construction of wall on west side of bridge (between East Stratford Road and the bridge)
- Continue casting bridge segments
- Begin installation of drilled shaft foundations for Abutment A and Pier 1 of the eastbound bridge.

## ***Briefly***

- ✓ The annual **Baylake Pines Civic League** Oyster Roast to support the July 4 fireworks will be held April 1 from 4 to 8 p.m. at the Leaping Lizard Café, 4408 Shore Drive. Tickets are \$40 in advance, \$50 after March 30 by calling John at 757-289-6348 or Kevin at 757-268-4733 or visiting the Leaping Lizard.