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Newsletter of the City Council-appointed

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**Bayfront Advisory Commission meets
Thursday, November 16, 2017
Regular monthly meeting, 3:30-5 p.m.
Virginia Beach Resort and Conference Center
2800 Shore Drive**

Tentative 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

PRESENTATION

NEW BUSINESS

OLD BUSINESS

PROJECT BRIEFINGS, OPEN DISCUSSION & COMMENTS FROM PUBLIC Public Comment Period

ADJOURN



First Landing State Park, under the direction of Natural Resources Manager Bruce Widener (left), was honored with the Bayfront Advisory Commission's Design Award in October for its Trail Center facilities at Virginia's most-visited state park and for efforts to bring the Bayfront-to-Oceanfront bus shuttle to the area. Presenting the award is Scott Ayers (right) vice chairman of the BAC. *(Charles Malbon photo)*

Virginia Beach Vision 2040

In a briefing before the Bayfront Advisory Commission, members of the Vision to Action Community Coalition provided information and solicited ideas for bringing the Virginia Beach Vision 2040 recommendations to fruition.

"2040 may seem that far away, but it's not," Chairman Joseph Voorhees told the BAC. "It is our job, with your help, to push Virginia Beach's vision along." The City Council approved the mission to have Virginia Beach be "the most liveable coastal community in the world" by developing six key elements:

- To be a Connected Community, using many transportation modes and exploiting growing broadband technologies
- To be a Learning Community, with a robust K-12 program and continuing workforce development. "We believe in and support an educational continuum that begins at birth and lasts a lifetime.
- To be a Diverse Community that "ensures engagement, collaboration, fairness, respect , understanding and trust" among all city populations.
- Unique Environment. "We value and enhance our greatest natural assets: a broad array of coastal resources that includes beaches, waterways, farmlands and wetlands."
- Active Lifestyle. Cultural and recreational opportunities for both participation and enjoyment.
- Thriving Economy. "We have a thriving regional economy that leverages our assets with high employment and dynamic business growth. We educate, attract and retain a talented and diverse workforce and provide a broad base of employment with an emphasis on high-paying jobs."

The Coalition meets the second Friday of the month from 9 to 11 a.m. in the Strategic Growth office, 4525 Main Street, Suite 710 at Town Center.

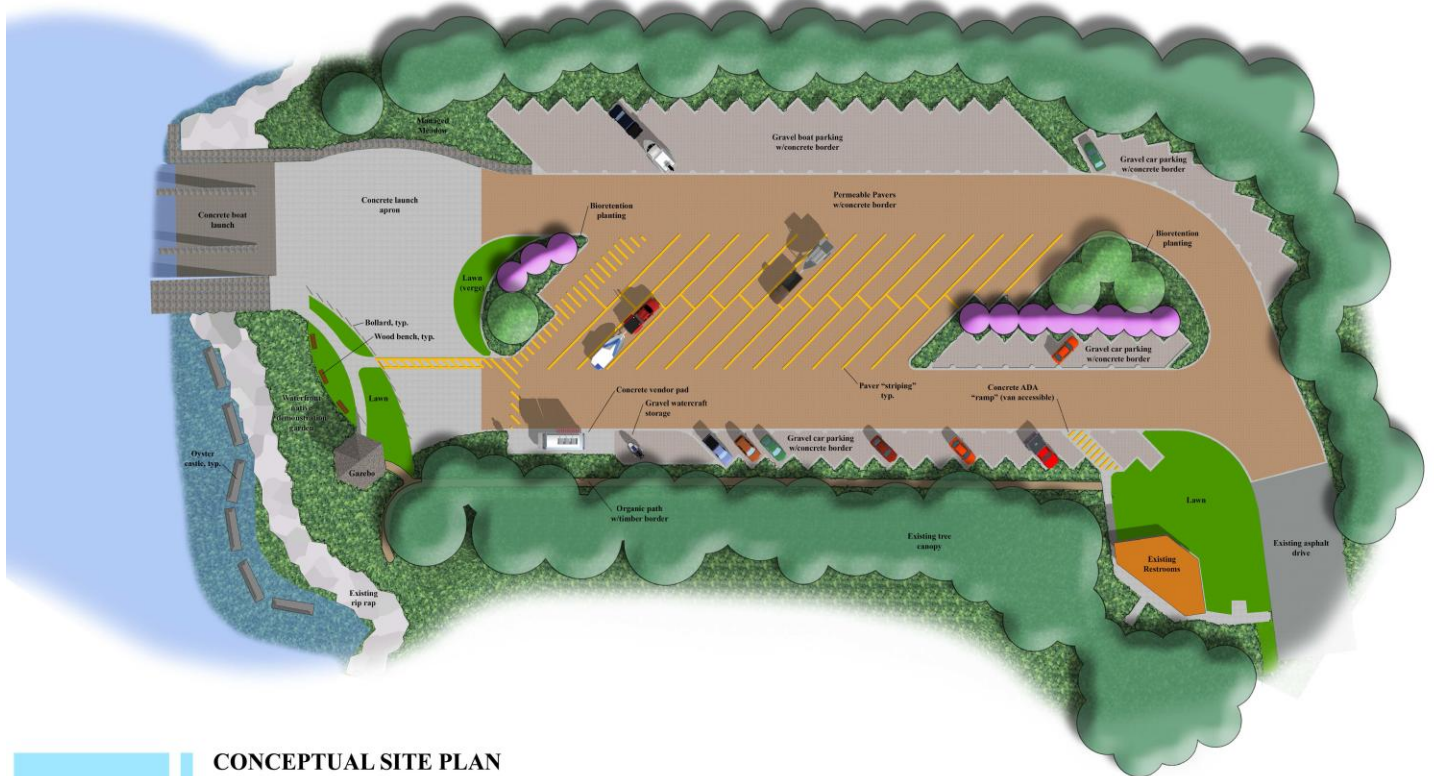
Virginia Beach Vision 2040



Upgrade to 64th Street boat ramp pushed

A coalition including Lynnhaven River Now and officials at First Landing State Park are in the early stages of a plan to redo the parking lot and boat ramp at the 64th Street entrance to the park, the Bayfront Advisory Commission was told.

The group got a grant to work up a preliminary design “to take a parking lot and retrofit it” with eco-friendly materials, a shelter and native-plant gardens, said Karen Forget of Lynnhaven River Now. “That parking lot is a disaster, a horrible example to set for the community.” The upgrade, as envisioned, would require state funds estimated at about \$1 million. “When you think of it, that amounts to \$1 per (park) visitor per year,” Forget said.,



CONCEPTUAL SITE PLAN

64th Street Boat Ramp First Landing State Park

Lynnhaven River Now, Virginia Beach, Virginia

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Event house concerns return

As city legal and zoning experts labor to incorporate proposals to regulate houses in existing neighborhoods that are rented out for short-term events, attendees at the October Bayfront Commission expressed continued concern.

“We are all vulnerable” with event houses springing up along the Bayfront said resident Grace Moran .

Another resident, Larry Korvath, from Baylake Pines said “the parking, noise, trashare really destroying the ambience of the neighborhood....We went to have owners held accountable for the actions of their tenants ... This ruins our quality of life.”

Several civic leagues and the Virginia Beach Council of Civic Organizations have taken positions calling for regulation. Although localities in some states can exact such regulations on their own, Virginia is a Dillon’s Rule state in which cities and counties only have the [power that the General Assembly delegates to them, city staffers explained.



Ocean Park Civic League President Andrew Broyles (center) is flanked by Mayor Will Sessoms (right) and Vice Mayor Louis Jones at a ceremony unveiling signs marking the entrances to the historic neighborhood on Shore Drive.