



Baylines

Newsletter of the City Council-appointed

Bayfront Advisory Commission

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- David Redmond, Planning Commissioner
- Stacey W. Shiflet
- Martin A. Thomas
- Robert Thornton, Planning Commissioner
- James L. Wood, Councilman

Bayfront Advisory Commission meets

Thursday, January 18, 2018

3:30-5 p.m.

**Virginia Beach Resort Hotel 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

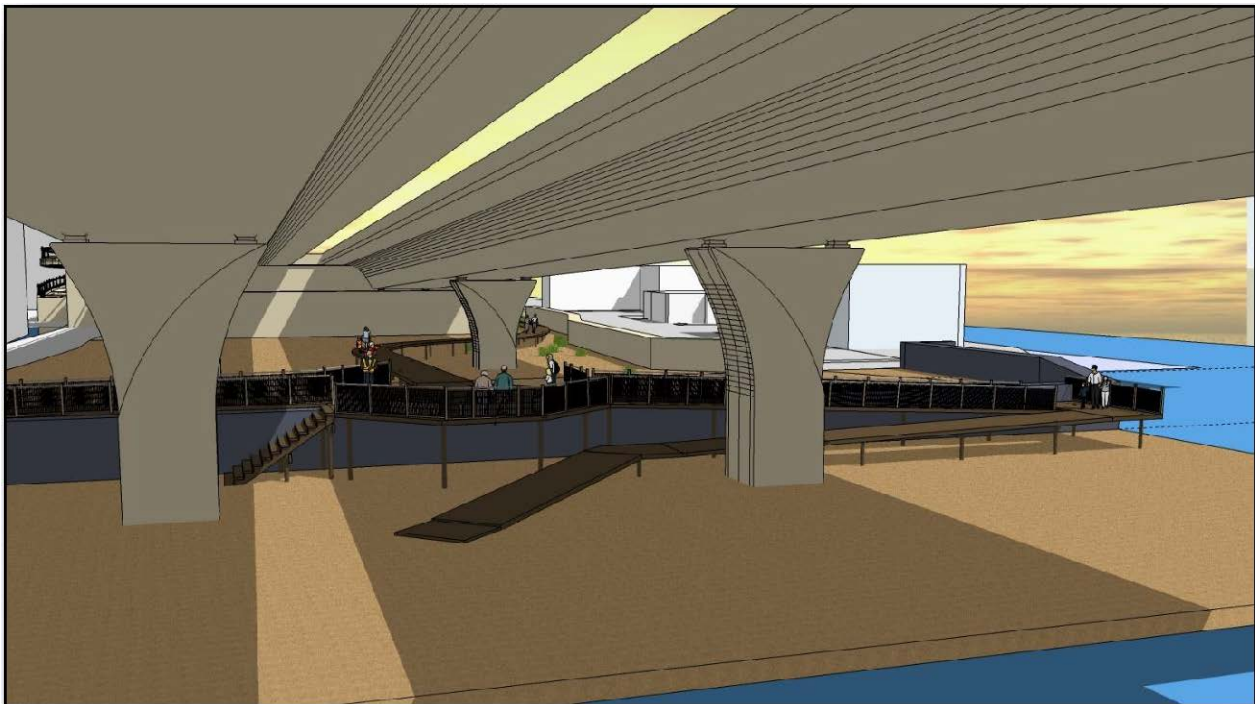
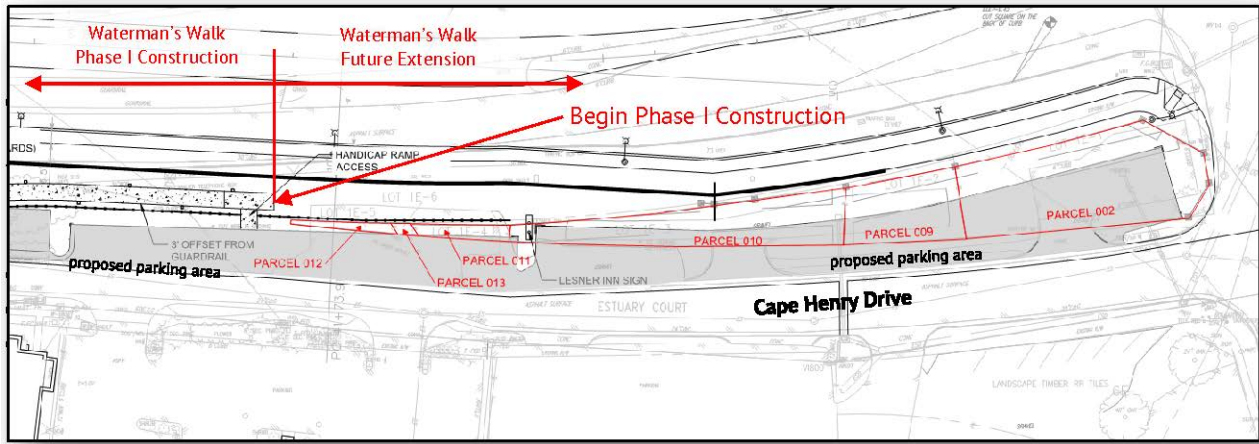
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Waterman's Walk briefing held

The Bayfront Advisory Commission was briefed on the first phase of the Waterman's Walk project, which would provide safe public pedestrian access to the Lynnhaven Inlet beach. The project is funded as part of the Lesner Bridge replacement and calls for a concrete path transitioning to a boardwalk observation deck with a handicap-access ramp to the beach.

Below is a rendering of the first phase, along with an artist's rendition:



'Event house' regulations still considered

A package of regulations that would regulate short-term rentals in the city's residential neighborhoods was recommended for deferral until Feb. 14 by the Virginia Beach Planning Commission last month. However, the package was still on the agenda for the upcoming Jan. 16 City Council meeting, according to the most recent agenda legal notice.

Regulating so-called 'event houses,' in which homes are rented for short-term activities such as weddings, graduations and parties, has been a controversy for several years. It has pitted property management companies and owners seeking rental income against year-round residents who complain of noise, parking and trash concerns. Plus there are financial considerations for the city.

Planning Commission Chairman Robert Thornton told the Bayfront Advisory Commission in November that the issue is complex, with many competing personal and legal issues. "You just can't draft an ordinance and pass an ordinance and be done with it," he said.

Although the impetus for regulation has come from resort communities with year-round residents, any changes would apply across the city.

The complete package of proposed regulation what was prepared for the December Planning Commission meeting, including staff evaluations, is available on line at

<https://www.vbgov.com/government/departments/planning/boards-commissions-committees/Documents/PC/2017/12%20December/20171213-PLN-CUR-00-Portfolio.pdf> .

Cape Henry Lighthouse restoration okayed



The city has received federal authorization to advertise for restoration of the Cape Henry Lighthouse. Eighty percent of the project funding is from four federal transportation enhancement grants totaling about \$845,000. Bids for 2018 work are expected to be sought this month.

The restoration project would stabilize the top of the dune against erosion to protect the soft sandstone base from further deterioration and would include installing a new stairway for entering the lighthouse. Cape Henry Lighthouse is a National Historic Landmark that was built in 1792 as the first federally funded public works project under the new U.S. government.