



# Baylines

*Newsletter of the City Council-appointed*

## **Bayfront Advisory Commission**

### Members

- Kal Kassir, Chairman
- Scott Ayers, vice chairman
- Joseph Bovee
- Faith Christie
- Wally Damon
- Charles G. Faison, Jr.
- Capt. Joey L. Frantzen
- Louis R. Jones, Mayor
- Charles R. Malbon, Jr.
- Joseph A. Miller
- David Redmond, Planning Commissioner
- Stacey W. Shiflet
- Martin A. Thomas
- Robert Thornton, Planning Commissioner
- James L. Wood, Vice Mayor

**Bayfront Advisory Commission meets**

**Thursday, July 19, 2018**

**Noon and 3:30 p.m.**

**Virginia Beach Resort Hotel and Conference Center**

2800 Shore Drive

**Strategic Planning Meeting,**

**Noon**

This annual meeting is open to the public, but is a workshop meeting for the commission to compile priorities to be addressed by the BAC in the coming year. The public is welcome to observe.

**Regular meeting- Tentative Agenda**

**3:30 pm**

#### **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**

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

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

#### **NEW BUSINESS**

#### **OLD BUSINESS**

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

Public Comment Period

*\*Photo credit: Chris Giersch*

## *Bicycle racks coming soon to Bayfront*

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Following a stumbled handoff with city staff turnover, a plan to install bicycle racks at six beach access locations on the Bayfront is back on track, the Bayfront Advisory Commission was told at its last meeting.

Elaine Linn from the Parks and Recreation Department told the BAC that most of the groundwork is complete for having the “inverted U” bike racks put in. Plans call for a four- or five-count rack at Fentress and Ocean View avenues, a five-count at Rookery Way and a three-count at East Stratford Drive on the west side of the Lesner Bridge and three-counts each on the east side at Jade Street, West Great Neck Road and Sandalwood Road. (Each “count” holds two bicycles).

The vendor for the bicycle racks is the same as for playground equipment, Linn said, making it easier to expedite the long-stalled process.

## **VB Resort Hotel sold**

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Ownership of the Virginia Beach Resort Hotel and Conference Center has changed hands and will be rebranded as a Delta by Marriott after extensive renovations, Stacey Shiflet, a BAC member and executive in the family company that sold the hotel, reported.

Closing on the \$19 million sale took place June 15, said Shiflet, who said she has been hired as a consultant during the transition. Some \$25 million in renovations are planned. Commonwealth Lodging is the new owner. It also owns the Norfolk Marriott and 10 other properties.

The resort hotel operated for many years as a condominium property but the condominium association has been disbanded and the property was sold outright, Shiflet said. Plans call for retaining the Tradewinds restaurant. Guest rooms will continue to be suites, but the sleeping and living room areas will be switched under renovation plans.

Shiflet said she had mixed feelings about the family property changing hands, but quipped “at least now I can turn off my phone on the weekends and it won’t matter.”

## *“Canoes” artwork to be installed this month*

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“Canoes,” the sculpture commissioned by the Public Art Virginia Beach Foundation, is scheduled to be installed on the Lesner Bridge the week of July 24 and a dedication ceremony will be held Saturday, July 28. The sculpture, by artist Donald Lipski, was funded by community donations to the foundation that, to date, have totaled more than \$300,000. The installation had been planned earlier this month, but the delay “had to do with delivery of some of the art materials,” Bayfront Advisory Commission Chairman Kal Kassir said. “This is going to generate a lot of excitement.” told the BAC last month. Public donations are still being accepted. To donate, make checks payable to Public Art Virginia Beach Foundation, P. O. Box 61427 Virginia Beach, VA 23466-14257.

## Briefly....

Tobias Eisenlohr, city attorney liaison to the BAC, has left the city for private practice ... Management of the Mermaid Winery on is aware of the parking problems that its new Shore Drive location has created and, between valet parking and working with other nearby property owners, the restaurant hopes to address the safety concerns of patrons crossing Shore Drive .... The Cape Story by the Sea Fourth of July parade will begin at 10 a.m. Wednesday at the park on Beech Street.

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