



# Baylines

*Newsletter of the City Council-appointed*

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**Thursday, March 21, 2019**

**3:30 p.m.**

**Brock Environmental Center  
3663 Marlin Bay 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, Victoria Rice**

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

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

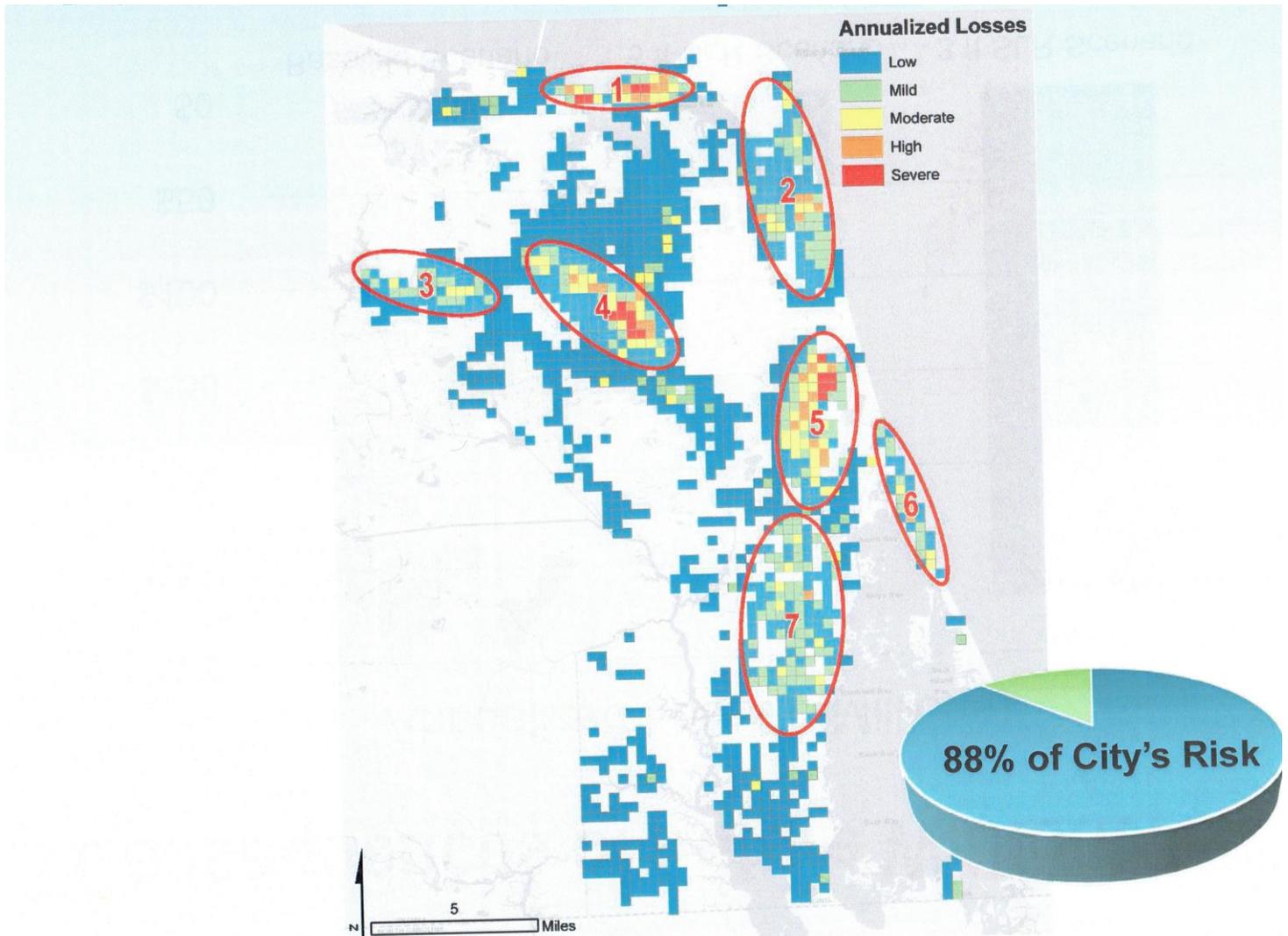
#### **NEW BUSINESS**

#### **OLD BUSINESS**

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

#### **ADJOURN**

# Sea-level rise study explained



The cost of doing nothing about rising seas will cost Virginia Beach anywhere from \$12 million to \$271 million in losses per year, depending on how much sea-level rise occurs between now and 2050, city stormwater engineers told the Bayfront Advisory Commission.

The City Council, in commissioning the Dewberry study of sea-level rise four years ago, essentially said doing nothing was not an option.

Charles J. Bodnar and Sue E. Kriebel of the city's Stormwater Engineering Center said the coming months and years will involve choosing adaptation strategies involving policy, design and physical protection, especially in the seven areas of the city -- representing 88 percent of the city's risk -- that are most vulnerable.

Choosing options includes taking into account flooding variables such as rainfall amounts; the presence, absence and direction of winds and sinking land as well as sea-level rise. Research has shown, for example, that relative

sea level at Sewells Point since 1970 has risen at a rate of 5.14 millimeters a year but the rate of rise is accelerating at 0.119 millimeters a year. At that rate, the rise would be about 1.6 feet by the year 2050.

The city can put into place planning policies for future development or redevelopment; enact design strategies and regulation and erect physical protection tools such as earthen levees, floodwalls seawalls and various in-water and inland gates – or some combination of all.

Additional refinements of alternatives and projected costs are ongoing and decisions will be made in steps after a series of public meetings and hearings, they said.

## Historic marker dedication Wednesday

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The Virginia Beach Historic Preservation Commission will dedicate a state highway marker commemorating the Meeting of Three Commanders at 3 p.m. Wednesday at Lynnhaven Colony Park's shelter. This dedication ceremony, open to the public, was postponed from January.

The meeting occurred Sept. 18, 1781, among Gen. George Washington, commander-in-chief of the combined American and French armies; the Comte de Rochambeau, commander of the French expeditionary army, and Admiral François Joseph Paul de Grasse, commander of a large French fleet of warships. These commanders met aboard de Grasse's flagship on Lynnhaven Bay. It was here that final strategies were devised that led to the Franco-American victory at Yorktown.

The marker dedication ceremony will be held at the park shelter, 3125 Shore Drive. If weather is bad, the ceremony will be held in BoBo's Restaurant, 3139 Shore Drive. Parking is available at the restaurant and a reception will be held there after the event.

Gen. André Lanata, Supreme Allied Commander Transformation of NATO Allied Command Transformation, is scheduled to speak at the dedication ceremony. He is a French Air Force officer. Gen. Lanata will be joined by Virginia Beach Mayor Robert M. "Bobby" Dyer on the program.

## Shore Drive project updates

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Although funding for Phase IV of the Shore Drive improvement project from the Lesner Bridge west to Marline Bay Drive is "quite a ways away," BAC Vice Chairman Charles R. Malbon told the commission, the city is planning a repaving project along that stretch of road, which has been pockmarked by heavy construction and weather.

Meanwhile, Phase III, from the east side of the bridge to North Great Neck Road is wrapping up its design stage, to be followed by site acquisition and utility work through the end of this year, said commissioner Joseph Bovee. Construction is currently projected to run from January 2020 and end in 2022, he said.

## *Brock Center presentations at March 21 BAC meeting*

There will be presentations by Chris Gorri of the Chesapeake Bay Foundation about the new Brock Environmental Center classroom and Karen Forget of Lynnhaven River Now about offshore drilling at the next Bayfront Advisory Commission meeting, which will move to Brock Center, 3663 Marlin Bay Drive, Thursday, March 21, 3:30 p.m.

## *Windsong Apartments redevelopment proposed*

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A proposal to redevelop the Windsong Apartment complex off Pleasure House Road would increase the number of units by nearly 60 percent, but update the 40+-year-old complex with new amenities, developers told the Bayfront Advisory Commission.

The proposal, on a 14.85-acre site between Pleasure House and Northampton Boulevard north of Shore Drive, is scheduled to go before the Planning Commission in April for a series of proposed rezonings that would increase the complex from 272 units to 432. Of those, 216 would involve renovated apartments and 216 new units.

In the interim, developers plan outreach to surrounding neighbors, said attorney R.J. Nutter and developer J.P. Highland.

## **Windsong Apartments Redevelopment**

