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Newsletter of the City Council-appointed

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Thursday, November 17, 2019

3:30 p.m.

Bayside Community Recreation Center
4500 First Court Road

Tentative Agenda

CALL TO ORDER

Welcome and Introductions - Kal Kassir, Chair
Comments from Kal Kassir, Chair
Review and Approval of Minutes

COMMITTEE REPORTS

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

STAFF REPORTS & UPDATES

OLD BUSINESS

NEW BUSINESS

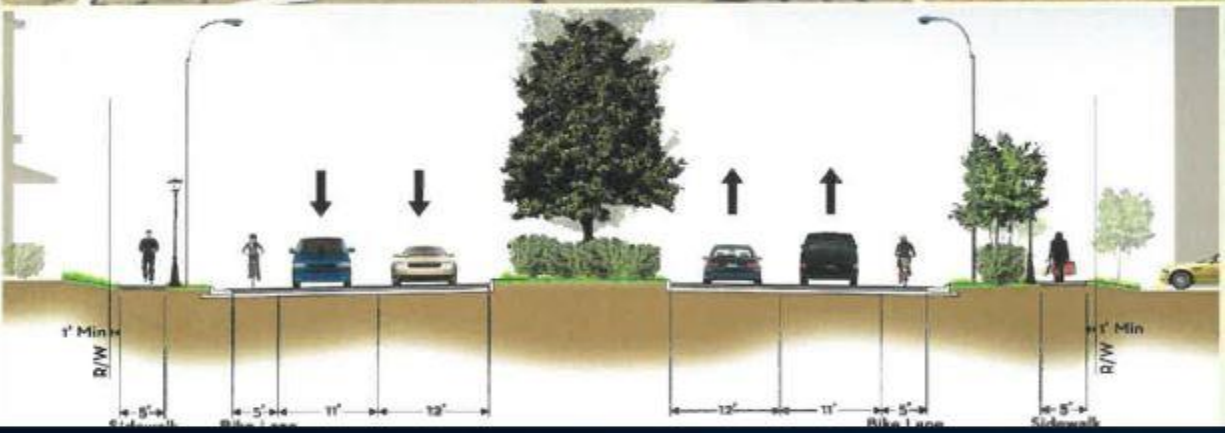
Presentation: 5G Wireless Technology and Small Cell Design Guidelines for the City of Virginia Beach

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Next meeting: January 16, 2020

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Shore Phase III delayed 18 months



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City of Virginia Beach photos

The off-postponed construction project on Shore Drive from the Lesner Bridge east to North Great Neck Road has been delayed again.

Phase III (CIP 2-117) of the multi-segmented Shore Drive capital improvement project had been scheduled to begin in January, but has been delayed until August 2021, Mark Johnson, public works director, told the Bayfront Advisory Commission. The project needs additional redesign to address stormwater and right-of way issues, he said.

Johnson assured the Commission that funding for the \$29.1 million project would not be diverted to other CIP projects. Part of the reason for additional design stemmed from staffing difficulties in the wake of the May 31, 2019, mass shooting at Building 2 in the municipal complex, he said. This resulted in relocating Public Works Department offices, equipment and workers along with turnover due to retirements and transfers.

Another part of the Shore Drive improvements, Phase IV (CIP 2-118), between Marlin Bay Dive and the Lesner Bridge was paused after concept design was completed in 2008. Design is planned to resume next year with a projected March 2024 construction start. Funding for this \$15.5 million phase is #1 to the BAC's high-priority 2019-20 strategic plan. Phase IV has been planned, but not appropriated, in the interim. Because of this, the city repaved that stretch of road last summer.

Another Shore Drive project, at the Stratford Road intersection (CIP2-300.119) is awaiting delivery of the traffic-signal pole near the Ocean Park Fire and Rescue station. Completion of this \$600,000 project --which includes pedestrian crossing signals, an emergency signal for the fire and rescue station, sidewalk, curb and drainage work – is expected in December.

For more information, click here <https://www.vb.gov/government/departments/public-works/roadways/Pages/cip-project-search.aspx>

Planners seek public input on blueprint revisions

The city's Planning and Community Development Department is seeking public input as part of its 2020 Comprehensive Plan review and revisions, Mark E. Shea, comprehensive planning coordinator, told the BAC in a briefing last month.

The plan, adopted by the Planning Commission and City Council every five years, provides a blueprint for development and land-use decisions, a vision for the city's future, guidance for city officials on strategic goals and strategy.

Planners have been attending various civic organizations through the end of this month to seek public input and has developed an online survey that will be open until the end of this month.

To learn more about the plan and its timeline, click here: <https://www.vb.gov/government/departments/planning/2016ComprehensivePlan/Documents/2021%20Comprehensive%20Plan%20Update%20Presentation.pdf>

To take survey, click here: <https://publicinput.com/5301>

Route 35 shuttle ridership soars

Ridership on the Route 35 shuttle between the Bayfront and oceanfront blew up 167% in September versus the same month the year before, according to Hampton Roads Transit, operator of the region's transit system. Route 35 operated for the last 3 years from spring through the Neptune Festival. The HRT and Virginia Beach City budget years run July 1- June 30.

The chart, below, converts budget-year ridership on the route to seasonal.

Route 35 Ridership			
Spring-to-Fall seasons			
	2019-20	2018-19	2017-18
May	2017	1047	740
June	6657	6353	2985
July	7357	6375	3741
Aug	7434	6638	3395
Sept	5122	1918	153
Oct.	---	31	106
TOTAL	28,587	22,362	12,502

Ice skating returns to Virginia Beach Farmers Market

VB Ice will open Friday at the Virginia Beach Farmer's Market and be available to the public through Sunday, Jan. 5, 2020. The rink will be located at the corner of Dam Neck and Princess Anne roads.

General admission is \$7 and skate rental is \$8. Active-duty military, veterans and dependents receive a \$2 discount off general admission, with ID.

Hours are 4-9 p.m. Monday- Thursday; 4-10 p.m. Fridays; 10 a.m.-10 p.m. Saturdays; 11 a.m.- 8 p.m. Sundays and 10 a.m.-10 p.m. weekdays during school break. The rink will close at 6 p.m. Christmas Eve and will be closed Thanksgiving Day and Christmas Day.

For more information, call (757) 239-0385 or email Ashley.moody@icerinkevents.com.

Holiday Lights open Nov. 22

The BayPort Credit Union Holiday Lights Merry Mile will return to the Virginia Beach Boardwalk from Nov. 22 through New Year's Eve. Drivers will be able to tune car radios to a special frequency to hear holiday music along the way.

Hours are 5:30-10 p.m. Sunday-Thursday, 5:30-11 p.m. Friday-Saturday. Admission is \$10 for passenger cars, \$25 for limousines and minibuses and \$45 for motor coaches. "Military Mondays" admission is \$5 for passenger vehicles, with military ID.

All entrance fees are cash-only at the 2nd-Street gate.

Fire Department offers public survey

The Virginia Beach Fire Department is seeking community input about services it provides to help develop its strategic plan and to pursue departmental accreditation. The online survey is available at <http://PublicInput.com/VBFDSurvey> through Nov. 30.

December cancellations

The Bayfront Advisory Commission will not meet in December. The Baylines newsletter also will not publish that month.