MEETING MINUTES
Norfolk Coastal Management & Review Board

April 16, 2019
Pretlow Library

Meeting was called to order at 4:32 pm

Introductions were held in attendance:

Thomas Smigiel, Councilperson, Ward 5
Don Musacchio, Willoughby Civic League
John Greene, East Ocean View Civic League
Ken Paulson, Cottage Line Civic League
Scott Smith, Coastal Resiliency Manager
Adam Melita, City Attorney’s Office
Seamus McCarthy, Planning Department
Rachael Peabody, VMRC
Larry Atkinson, ODU
Chris Hein, VIMS
Jack Blake, Resident

I. Review and approve Minutes of January 15, 2019 meeting.

Minutes were reviewed, no corrections noted.

II. DISCUSSION OF FUTURE CITY PROJECTS AND PLANS

A. Pilot Project – Grove to Cape View - Scott Smith

   Project permitting proceeding JPA to be Submitted in May. Project placed on hold as a result of direction from residents received via email from Ken Paulson on February 21, 2019.

B. 9th Bay Access - Scott Smith

   9th Bay St Beach Access should be complete by mid-May. Construction going well.

C. Way Finding Signage - Scott Smith

   Signage package should be ready for advertising this week. We were able to incorporate suggestions from Mr. Smigiel’s group. (Except we are changing it to "Keep Our Beaches Clean" rather than "Keep OV Beaches Clean" because the former mirrors the text in the bullet.) *(A copy of the design plan is attached)*
D. Toler Place Breakwater ANALYSIS - Scott Smith

Toler Place Offshore Breakwater Modification has been submitted to VMRC for permitting. We should be ready to advertise next month. Completion will probably be late fall. *(A copy of the proposed modification attached)*

E. Haul Seine Fishing Pilot – Ken Paulson

Ken Paulson discussed the possibility of a Haul Seine Fishing Pilot project in the Cottage Line Area. A local commercial fisherman, Mr. Robert Hollowell, has requested permission to use haul seine fishing. The operation will require vehicles on the beach, the nets are pulled out with a boat from shore, then hauled in with a winch on a modified truck that hauls in the nets and the fisherman sort the catch, throwing back the non-targeted fish.

This is a regulated commercial fishing operation, Rachael Peabody, VMRC, explained that there is state permitting required for people to engage in this activity, they are required to notify VMRC police 24 hours before conducting operations, identifying the times and reporting catches. Rachael indicated the City will need to issue a Special Permit for the operation which could impose regulations. Councilman Smigiel requested additional information regarding the benefits to the City. Ken Paulson will get additional information and report back to the board.

F. Review Chesapeake Bay Coastal Management Area (CBCMA) Guidance Document - Scott Smith

In September 2011, the City Council adopted the “Chesapeake Bay Coastal Management Area (CBCMA) Guidance Document” This document was amended in February 2012 and identifies acceptable and not acceptable practices on the beaches. The Adoption of the Sand Management Plan, changed how some of the elements are administered and it is recommended that the document be reviewed, discussed and edited, so a recommendation can be submitted to Council to formally amend the document. A copy was handed out at the meeting, a copy is attached. Staff will start the editing process and report back at the next meeting.

III. New Business

A. Porta Potties – Councilman Smigiel has requested RPOS to have 5-6 Porta-potties placed on the beach, during beach Season.

B. Horses on the Beach – Councilman Smigiel was approached by a vendor to offer horse rides on the beach. He will meet with the individual and get additional details and report back.

C. Trash trucks on the beach – A request was made to ask Public Works to work with the drivers to vary the path taken for collection between cans. Tire ruts are getting deep creating potential hazards.

D. Seamus McCarthy was appointed by Council to replace Robert Tajan, as the representative from Planning.
IV. Schedule Next Meeting
   A. The next meeting was scheduled for July 16, 2019, 4:30, Pretlow Library.

V. Adjourn