

Hampton Roads Transportation Planning Organization: The Hampton Roads Transportation Planning Organization (HRTPO) met last week to receive updates from our transportation and planning partners. HRTPO staff provided information on the 2045 Long-Range Transportation Plan and made recommendations to the Board for approval of the Plan as well as the list of candidate projects which you can view [here](#). Staff also provided information on the Hampton Roads Congestion Management Process 2020 Update, FY 2021-2024 Transportation Improvement Program, and Linking Hampton Roads, A Regional Active Transportation Plan – all of which will come back to the Board for approval at the March meeting.

Hampton Roads Planning District Commission: The Hampton Roads Planning District Commission (HRPDC) held their monthly meeting on Thursday, February 20. The Commission heard an update on the Regional Rebranding Initiative. As presented to the Commission, the initiative included participation from numerous organizations and residents from across Hampton Roads and sought to establish a brand that tells the region's story in a unified way. The next step for the rebranding effort includes establishing name recognition of the region outside of the Commonwealth. Additionally, the Commission authorized HRPDC staff to pursue a GO Virginia grant in order to further advance the readiness of development sites in Hampton Roads. Pursuing the grant will continue current efforts to grow the region's limited inventory of shovel ready development sites, creating opportunity for business investment in Hampton Roads.

St. Paul's Advisory Committee Meeting: The February meeting was opened with a thank you to the committee for their efforts to date. Dr. Filer emphasized the City's commitment to continuing to work together to move the CNI process forward pragmatically, making the community's vision for a reimagined St. Paul's area a reality and improving outcomes for families. People First empowered by USI provided an update on their efforts engaging with residents to better understand needs, connecting residents with supportive services, and mobility counseling efforts. NRHA provided an update on residents who have already relocated, and NRHA and the City provided an update on the overall Tidewater Gardens CNI plan for committee feedback. The next meeting is Tuesday, March 17th at the Basilica of St. Mary.



Multimodal Norfolk: The Department of Transit hosted the first Multimodal community meeting Wednesday afternoon at the Jordan-Newby Anchor Branch Library. During these meetings, community members can provide input on transit-related issues through interactive stations and Q&A. Additional public meetings took place this week and two more are scheduled on March 12. The public can also provide input online at www.multimodalnorfolk.com

What Works Cities Visit: In March 2017, Norfolk was honored to be chosen to participate in What Works Cities (WWC), a non-profit initiative dedicated to helping mid-sized U.S. cities improve residents' lives by using data and evidence effectively to tackle pressing challenges. This week, WWC returned to Norfolk to re-engage with city staff. Civic Lab hosted two, one-half day, work sessions attended by staff from across the city. WWC led discussions about results-driven contracting, focusing on resident needs, and the path to WWC certification (a road map to best practices). Civic Lab will coordinate over the next year on these initiatives.



The Future of Waste Management: The Department of Public Works' Waste Management Division is a member of the Hampton Roads Public Works Academy (HRPWA) Program for High School Cadets. The HRPWA Program is a two-year, hands-on program that seeks to educate Hampton Roads high school students about the functions of Public Works. Waste Management's participation helps train youth to become future Public Works employees, while teaching them about the critical role of refuse collection. The Division's two-hour course focuses on waste collection, waste disposal, recycling, safety and career opportunities in Waste Management.



Foster Care Program Assessment: Norfolk hired Public Consulting Group, a nationally recognized organization, to provide an independent assessment of Norfolk's foster care program. The assessment included a review of foster care case files and interviews with current city staff, foster care parents and community stakeholders. PCG found no major areas of concern regarding the safety of children in the care of the agency. Other strengths included: collaborative teamwork and low number of children in group care. The department has already implemented many of the assessment's recommendations including hiring additional staff to increase administrative support and more intensive secondary trauma training for parents. Read the entire assessment online on the Department of Human Services' website on Norfolk.gov

Video highlights of the latest happenings in Norfolk!

[Park Place Library celebrates 50th Anniversary](#)

Norfolk Happening Now! Upcoming Events for Your Awareness

February 28 (12p-1p) Hands-Only CPR Training @ Waterside District

Heart Month may be coming to an end but knowing how to help save one doesn't have to! Head over to Waterside District during your lunch break to learn hands-only CPR from Norfolk Fire-Rescue.

March 1 (4p – 6p) BACH: The Musical Offering @ Christ and St. Luke’s Episcopal Church

The saga of the Musical Offering begins in May 1747, when Bach met Frederick the Great in his residence in Potsdam. The King asked Bach to improvise a three-voice fugue on a musical theme that he had composed. Afterwards, the King challenged Bach to improvise a six-voice fugue on the same subject. The result is the Musical Offering, a collection of canons and fugues all based on the King’s musical theme. Director of Music Emeritus Allen Shaffer gathers incredible chamber musicians to perform the monumental collection on various instruments, highlighting the beauty of Bach’s counterpoint.

March 3 (4p – 6p) City Council Worksession @ City Hall Building, 10th Floor Conference Room



March 3 – 8 Norfolk Theatre Festival “Laugh, cry, sigh, love...theatre!”

Experience unforgettable shows in some of the most beautiful and historic venues in Norfolk at the second annual Norfolk Theatre Festival! Whatever your taste in theatre, you’ll find shows and events to engage, intrigue and entertain. Tickets and schedule at www.nfktheatre.com !” Get yours before these shows sell out!

March 4 - 8 (times vary) A Comedy of Errors @ Selden Arcade

Laugh along with the slapstick story of 2 sets of identical twins who were accidentally separated at birth. In Shakespeare's classic comedy, as friends and families encounter the twins, a series of wild mishaps based on mistaken identities lead to wrongful beatings, a near-seduction, arrests, and false accusations of infidelity, theft, madness, and demonic possession!

March 5 (8p) The Yellow Wallpaper @ Robin Hixon Theater, Clay & Jay Education Center

Core Theatre Ensemble presents their eerie and ethereal adaptation of the short story by Charlotte Perkins Gilman. Follow a woman's descent into madness while being confined to her room. As the story unfolds, she begins to see women in the paper covering the walls and her fixation spirals destruction.

March 6 (6p-10p) Shamrockin’ in Ghent @ Colley Avenue

For over 25 years, Shamrockin’ In Ghent has been a tradition in the historical Ghent section of Norfolk. Originally called Greening of Ghent Hope House Foundation took it over several years ago and the location moved to Colley Avenue. This annual St. Patrick’s Day event shuts down Colley Avenue between Shirley Avenue and Gates Avenue in Ghent and continues to draw attendees from all over Hampton Roads in the thousands. There will be live bands and area restaurants will feature Irish fare.



**SIXTY-DAY TENTATIVE SCHEDULE
COUNCIL ACTION ITEMS AND MEETING TOPICS**

UPCOMING ITEMS FROM JANUARY 23 PLANNING COMMISSION MEETING:

- **DAVID A CRUZ VEGA (Applicant)** conditional use permit to allow the existing single-family home to operate as a Short-Term Rental Unit at 1519 Longwood Dr
- **BOHO BUNGALOW (Applicant)** conditional use permit to allow the existing single-family home to operate as a Short-Term Rental Unit at 1805 Pope Ave
- **ROBERT HUNTOON (Applicant)** conditional use permit to allow the construction of an accessory dwelling unit at 531 New Jersey Ave
- **CURTIS BAY MEDICAL WASTE SERVICES VIRGINIA, LLC (Applicant)** conditional use permit to allow the operation of a medical waste transfer facility at 3634 Village Ave
- **GUADS MEXICAN RESTAURANT (Applicant)** conditional use permit to allow the existing restaurant to expand and operate until 2:00 a.m. at 7515 Granby St
- **VIRGINIA CHEESE COMPANY (Applicant)** conditional use permit to allow the restaurant to sell alcoholic beverages for off-premises consumption at 501 Botetourt St
- **NORFOLK REDEVELOPMENT AND HOUSING AUTHORITY (Applicant)** to vacate the right-of-way of a 16' wide lane/alley east of the Colley Ave between Front St and Woodis Ave

February 25, 2020

WORKSESSION BRIEFINGS:

- **Citywide Environmental Sustainability**

UPCOMING ITEMS FROM FEBRUARY 27 PLANNING COMMISSION MEETING:

- **ENTERPRISE RENT A CAR (Applicant)** conditional use permit to allow an existing automobile rental facility to expand the building square footage at 7436 North Military Hwy
- **RANIA WEILENMAN (Applicant)** to vacate the right-of-way of an unnamed 15' lane lying west of Middle Ave, north of Summit Ave, east of West Ave and south of Lamont St
- **CITY PLANNING COMMISSION (Applicant)** text amendment to the *Norfolk Zoning Ordinance*
- **WILLOUGHBY BEACH, LLC (Applicant)** conditional use permit to allow each unit of the existing triplex to operate as Short-Term Rental Units at 1500 W. Ocean View Ave
- **KA'LOR LOUNGE (Applicant)** conditional use permit to allow for a nightclub with on-premises alcohol sales and live entertainment with a disc jockey and dance floor until 2:00 am at 727 Granby St
- **CAFÉ BLANCA (Applicant)** conditional use permit to allow the restaurant/coffee shop to sell alcoholic beverages for off-premises consumption

March 3, 2020

WORKSESSION BRIEFINGS:

- **Inclusionary Housing Recommendations**
- **Citywide Environmental Sustainability**
- **Mid-Year Budget Update**
- **City Planning Updates**
- **Council Interests**

March 8 – 11, 2020

National League of Cities (no Council meeting)

March 24, 2020

WORKSESSION BRIEFINGS:

- **Annual Audit Presentation**
- **General Assembly Update**
- **Run/Walk Process**

UPCOMING ITEMS FROM March 26 PLANNING COMMISSION MEETING:

- **CITY PLANNING COMMISSION (Applicant)** General Plan Amendment to adopt the Multi-Family Design Principles
- **CITY PLANNING COMMISSION (Applicant)** text amendment to the Norfolk Zoning Ordinance to more clearly address parking and vehicle storage paving requirements
- **CITY PLANNING COMMISSION (Applicant)** text amendment to the Norfolk Zoning Ordinance to modify minimum parking requirements for commercial recreation centers
- **SIGNATURE HOME BUILDERS INC. (Applicant)** change of zoning to amend the conditional rezoning on the properties at 160 and 164 Honaker Avenue
- **COSTCO WHOLESALE (Applicant)** conditional use permits to allow an expansion of the existing establishment at 850 Glenrock Rd
- **KARINA MICHELE PERMANENT COSMETICS (Applicant)** conditional use permit to allow for the operation of a new tattoo parlor at 738 W 22nd St
- **N'AWWW AFFAIRS (Applicant)** conditional use permits to allow for the operation of a Banquet Hall with Live Entertainment, including a Disc jockey, and alcoholic beverages for on-premises consumption at 880 N. Military Hwy
- **SANCTUARY (Applicant)** conditional use permits to allow the restaurant to operate with live entertainment until 2:00am at 2330 Bowdens Ferry Road, Bldg. 100
- **THE SLOWDIVE GALLERY (Applicant)** conditional use permit to allow the restaurant to operate with live entertainment until 2:00 am at 117 E. Princess Anne Rd
- **GRANDIFLORA (Applicant)** conditional use permit to allow the restaurant to sale alcoholic beverages for off-premises consumption at 1231 Boissevain Ave
- **CITY OF NORFOLK (Applicant)** to vacate the right-of-way at 4th Bay St, south of East Ocean View Ave and north of Pretty Lake Ave

UPCOMING ITEMS FROM MAY 28 PLANNING COMMISSION MEETING:

- **HADI MAKHOUL (Applicant)** conditional use permit to allow the operation of a Commercial Recreation Center at 6586 Tidewater Dr, Suite I & J
- **COLLEY SHOP (Applicant)** conditional use permits to allow the operation of a Convenience store with amusement or gaming devices and sale of tobacco product at 4800 Colley Ave, Unit A & B

Attachments



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Study after study shows that tax incentives don't pay off in real economic gains and often fail to produce the jobs that were promised. When managed correctly, however, they can build on local strengths.



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