

HAMPTON VA

Sunset Boat Ramp Advisory Task Force

Veterans Conference Room, Ruppert L. Sargent Building
1 Franklin Street
September 1, 2020
6:00 PM

Minutes

Members Present:

Charmaine Bell	Cheryl Marek (electronically)
Gary Bodie (electronically)	Jerry Olson
Kevin Davis	Charles Randolph
Danny Forehand	Jason Samuels
Katherine Kearney	Wilson Ziegenbein

Members Absent:

Ali Afonja
Frank Belton
Molly Ward

Staff Support:

Jonathan McBride, Housing & Neighborhood Services Division Manager
Bonnie Brown, Deputy City Attorney
Anna Hammond, Neighborhood Development Associate
Brian Marchese, Outreach & Creative Coordinator
Jenn Green, Assistant to the City Manager

Opening

Mr. Jonathan McBride, Housing & Neighborhood Services Division Manager, introduced himself to the Task Force as he would be taking over the duties of lead facilitator.

Deputy City Attorney Bonnie Brown reviewed the process for electronic participation by certain members of the Task Force.

Mr. Gary Bodie requested permission to participate in the meeting remotely from his home in Hampton, Virginia due to underlying health conditions increasing his susceptibility to COVID-19.

Ms. Cheryl Marek requested permission to participate in the meeting remotely from her Recreational Vehicle in Durham, North Carolina due to a disability or medical condition resulting in her being unable to be physically present.

Mr. Danny Forehand made a motion to allow Mr. Bodie and Ms. Marek to participate remotely; the motion was seconded by Mr. Kevin Davis.

Aye: 8 – Ms. Charmaine Bell, Mr. Kevin Davis, Mr. Danny Forehand, Ms. Katherine Kearney, Mr. Jerry Olson, Mr. Charles Randolph, Mr. Jason Samuels, Mr. Wilson Ziegenbein

Mr. Kevin Davis made a motion to approve the minutes from the August 18, 2020 meeting; the motion was seconded by Mr. Danny Forehand.

Aye: 9 – Ms. Charmaine Bell, Mr. Kevin Davis, Mr. Danny Forehand, Ms. Katherine Kearney, Ms. Cheryl Marek, Mr. Jerry Olson, Mr. Charles Randolph, Mr. Jason Samuels, Mr. Wilson Ziegenbein
Out: 1 – Mr. Gary Bodie

Introduction

City Manager Mary Bunting welcomed the group to the meeting and thanked them for their efforts during the previous meeting. She noted that Councilwoman Brown was not physically present, but was listening in remotely.

Ms. Bunting shared the goal for today's meeting, which was developing a list of criteria that could be shared with the wider public. She reiterated that the group would ultimately be looking at both possible relocation sites and reviewing neighborhood concerns. This is a staged process and the first goal is finding an acceptable site; just as much time will be spent on neighborhood considerations before a report is sent to the Council.

Ms. Anna Hammond, Neighborhood Development Associate, led the group through an exercise to further familiarize the members with each other and their relationship with the Sunset Boat Ramp (attachment 1).

Criteria Prioritization

Mr. McBride led the group in an exercise to narrow down desired criteria for a boat ramp. Smaller groups worked together to create lists of criteria in five categories (Infrastructure, Geography / Water Access, Amenities, Ramp, Dock / Pier) before participating in a prioritization exercise (attachment 2).

Summary of the Meeting

Mr. McBride reviewed the results of the prioritization exercise and noted that the top choices will be sent out in a survey to the public.

Mr. McBride tasked the group with sharing the survey once it is ready and to develop a list of potential sites of which they are aware to share and review at the next meeting.

The tech team will be reviewing known potential sites to see if they meet the list of criteria developed today. Their findings and the feedback from the community will be shared during the next meeting.

Additional Notes

Task Force members again emphasized that neighborhood concerns must be addressed before moving forward. Ms. Bunting reiterated that unless a potential relocation site is found, there is no need to delve into neighborhood concerns. However, if a potential site is found, this group is tasked with addressing the neighborhood concerns. That outreach and discussion will be more targeted, towards both the current location area and the area around a potential site, as opposed to the citywide outreach necessary for general boat ramp criteria.

It was asked if the City was committed to upgrading the current ramp should an alternate location not be found. Ms. Bunting reiterated that the goal of this group is to discover if a “win-win” solution is possible, and that an acceptable response is that it is not possible. However, any discussion of improvements to the current ramp would not take place until the conclusion of the Task Force’s assigned work.

Attachment 1:
Member Introductions

INTRODUCTIONS

NAME

LAST USED
 (V) **RAMP**

DOING

CRAFT

Charles
or
Franky

2018

Pulling my
boat to the
Home

Power boat

Kevin

Over 10 yrs
ago

24' ft
fishing

Headed
out
fishing

Katherine Keating

Last Week

Launch of Pelican
Boat

10 foot
Alfa boat

ZIG

WILSON
ZIEGENDEWEN

FALL
2019
FOR KAYAKS
-YOUTH SALONS

UNLOADING
BOAT

24' fishing
BOAT

DANNY

WINTER

July 2020

LOADING
BOAT

CHARMINE

MAY
2020

DROPPING
BOAT

DINGY
TO CLEAR
HAMILTON
RIVER

Jason

Summer 2018
~~2017~~
This summer
working

Kayaking +

Kajak +
Paddle board

Jerry

Last week
8/24

launching/
retrieving
a boat

Center
console
for survey

LODY BOBIE
This afternoon
measuring ramp slope
No time today,
usually 19 ft
center console

Cheryl Mace

Fall 2014
LAUNCHING BOAT
FOR REGATTA

Technically, last
time I was there was
June 2011 and in
the ramp

Attachment 2:
Criteria
Prioritization

Sunset Boat Ramp Advisory Task Force
September 1, 2020 - Dotting Exercise

<i>Infrastructure</i>	<i>Geography / Water Access</i>	<i>Amenities</i>	<i>Ramp</i>	<i>Dock / Pier</i>
Parking (for both trailer, boats, and other parking)	Protected from wave/wind/current action	Larger port-a-potties	Ramp slope (15% slope)	Floating dock (additional)
Floating docks	Protected location for all weather	Waiting / sitting area with benches	Separate kayak / paddle board ramp	Separate area to launch kayaks and dinghies
Good lighting	No bridges to open water	Restrooms: male & female, hot & cold water, temp controlled, handicap access	4 boat access for the ramp	Always plenty of water at end of pier
No power lines	Low / high tide deep water access	Fish cleaning area, with rules/restrictions	Corrugated cement entire length of ramp	Part of pier ADA accessible
Prep space for trailers	Direct access to Hampton River / Sunset Creek		Non-slip slip surface	Pier for prepping boats
Sufficient turn around	No silting near ramp (no dredging)		Length of ramp extends for the extreme low tide	Floating pier for all around
Ample space for vehicles and trailers	Easy access off main roads		Finish to the end of the ramp	
Separate kayak launch	Easy Access to Hampton Roads Lower Bay			
Tash receptacles / serviced	Channel traffic (boat-in congestion)			
	Easy Access to fuel decks			
	Safe harbor access			
	Visibility to people on land (kayaker safety)			
	Close to downtown Hampton and restaurants			

Key:
5 or more
2 to 4
1 or less