

## General Membership Meeting Agenda November 29, 2022 3:00pm

MISSION - The Atlantic Avenue Association's mission is to assist in creating and promoting a positive experience for Virginia Beach residents, visitors, and businesses along the Virginia Beach oceanfront, and specifically Atlantic Avenue.

- Welcome
  - o Tim Kellem, Commissioner of the Revenue
  - o Worth Remmick, Councilman-elect
  - o Ann Ferrel Tata, State Representative
- Approval of Minutes from Sept. 15, 2022 motion, 2<sup>nd</sup>, approved
- Election of Directors and Officers 1 year terms. Motion, 2<sup>nd</sup>, approved.

D. Nachnani - President
Mike Mauch - VP
Chris Neikirk - Secretary
Tim Ritter - Treasurer
George Kotarides - Immediate Past President
Lynn Hightower (membership chair)
Emeritis - Clark Winslow

Paul Brannock
Bill Dillon
DeWayne Furlough
Bill Gambrell
Stephan Gordon

Chris Kyriakides Stephan Michaels Deepak Patel Jaketa Thompson

- Treasurer's Report Tim Ritter
  - o \$14036 in main account, \$5441 in event account
- Membership Report Lynn Hightower
  - o 108 members / 58 active and paid up
- Public Safety Update Captain O'Brien
  - o Officers doing great job of getting guns off the streets.

- Technology is helpful 70 cameras being monitored. Teamwork approach of businesses helping and making camera footage available.
- o Reduction of property crimes in the 2<sup>nd</sup> District
- New technology in ballistics getting info back right away
- Shots fired and shell casings now can be tracked very quickly
- o New payroll and communication system very helpful
- Quality of life along VB oceanfront trailer park, homeless encampments
- Homeless crime substance abuse outreach workers and mental health workers
   need to address right now
- Something in the Water Update Ken McDonald, music festival producer helping to put it together. Taylor Adams coordinating with the City
  - Last weekend in April
  - o Friday, Sat & Sunday 12-11pm
  - $\circ$  3<sup>rd</sup> 11<sup>th</sup> street
  - o Pop up church will return
  - o Marketplace that they did in DC
  - Restaurant Assoc involvement
  - Will be more info forthcoming about transportation for business employees
  - Any suggestions please reach out
- Holiday Lights Bike Ride Feedback Bobby Melatti
  - o Atlantic Wildfowl Museum saw a huge crowd
  - o Asked members to fill out the survey
- Transportation Planning and Pedestrian Committee (TPPC) Update Chuck Cayton, Chair
  - RAMP Resort Area Mobility Plan 2+ years of studying the project final recommendation going to City Council
    - Create a subcommittee to advance the RAMP
    - Develop an on-street parking strategy
    - Develop an employee parking plan make sure there is adequate parking for employees in the Resort area.
  - Freebee was one of the programs that came out of the RAMP study. The City tried a pilot project that was very successful.
  - CIP projects Roadway project (has some money allocated) and streetscape project
- Atlantic Perks Update Tim Ritter
  - Creating an app that visitors can use to find what is happening on Atlantic Avenue
- Old Business
- New Business
  - o Worth Remmick, Councilman-elect
    - Referenced the 2.1B spending impact of visitors (economic impact document attached)
  - O VBRA Restaurant Week Jan 16-23

- Partnering with the hotels to offer a package
- Gingerbread house competition at the DeWitt Cottage
- O Commissioner of the Revenue micro reporting
  - 1570 businesses in the resort area
    - 65% generate \$300K or less recommending changing the tax for them
  - 4 wholesalers
  - 286 retail businesses (shops, restaurants)
  - 446 service businesses (hotel)
  - 186 professionals (dentists)
- Adjournment 4pm