

## *Chesapeake Bay Preservation Area Board*

### **Public Hearing Minutes – April 20, 2022 City Council Chambers – 6:00 P.M.**

**Call to Order:** Chairman Weckworth called the Chesapeake Bay Preservation Area (CBPA) Board meeting of April 20, 2022, to order at 6:00 p.m. in City Council Chambers.

**Roll Call:**

**PRESENT**

Bruce Weckworth, Chairman  
Kimberly Koelsch, Vice Chair  
John Klesch, Member  
Victoria Thomas, Member  
Rick Underhill, Alternate Member  
Chris Wilson, Alternate Member

**EXCUSED**

Katie James, Member  
Jill Sunderland, Member  
Karen Toida, Member

**PLANNING DEPARTMENT STAFF PRESENT**

Ethan Hoar, CBLP, CBPA Planner  
Gilbert Bostwick, AICP, Current Planning Administrator  
Sherry Carawan, CBPA Recording Secretary

**CITY ATTORNEY STAFF PRESENT**

Meredith Jacobi, Assistant City Attorney

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**APPROVAL OF MINUTES:**

The March 16, 2022, CBPA Board minutes were presented into the record for CBPA Board action.

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**CBPA BOARD ACTION:**

**Minutes for the March 16, 2022, CBPA Board were APPROVED by unanimous consent.**

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Chairman Weckworth recused himself because he is abstaining from the vote on Agenda Item 1, 1812 Rockwood Drive because he is the applicant.

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**CBPA APPLICATION:**

- PLN-CBPA-2022-005**  
**PROJECT/LOCATION:** 1812 Rockwood Drive  
**APPLICANT:** Bruce Weckworth  
**OWNERS:** Bruce and Cheryl Weckworth  
**PROPOSAL:** In accordance with Section 26-528, of the Chesapeake City Code, the applicant seeks an **EXCEPTION** to construct a shed within the 50-foot landward portion of the 100-foot Resource Protection Area (RPA) buffer. The total proposed additional impervious area will be 192 square feet (SF) (192 SF in RPA).  
**SUBDIVISION/LOT #:** Park View / Section 2 Resub of lots 9 and 10  
**WATERSHED:** Southern Branch of the Elizabeth River  
**TAX MAP PARCEL:** 0344002003700

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**CBPA BOARD ACTION:**

CBPA Board **APPROVED** (5 – 0 – 1; Underhill/Thomas, Weckworth Abstained, James, Sunderland and Toida excused) the exception request with the following stipulations:

- An approximately 100 square-foot (SF) planting bed shall be placed in the northeast corner of the property, as depicted on the submitted site plan.**
  - Five (5) additional shrubs shall be placed along the northern property boundary in between each of the planting beds.**
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Staff Presentation:

Mr. Hoar read PLN-CBPA-2022-005 into the record for the Board's review and action. Mr. Hoar presented the CBPA Review Committee's findings and recommendations and presented pictures of the site. .

Proponent:

Cheryl Weckworth, 1812 Rockwood Drive, Chesapeake, VA 23323, property owner and will standby for questions.

Board Discussion:

Mr. Underhill asked staff if there was a gate on the back fence, and Mr. Hoar stated that the applicant would answer the question. Mr. Underhill asked if any type of shrub was specified, and Mr. Hoar stated that the Board could choose the species.

Ms. Koelsch asked staff about the planting bed on the right side of the yard, and Mr. Hoar stated that the applicant would use the same planting materials that were used in the existing planting bed designed in tandem with the Elizabeth River Project and add five additional shrubs.

Mrs. Weckworth stated that there is a small fence in the back and would have enough space to place the shrubs.

Mr. Wilson asked if the fence was constructed into the ground, and Mrs. Weckworth stated that it is elevated off the ground.

Mr. Underhill asked if there were any flooding issues, and Mrs. Weckworth stated that it drains well, and flooding has only been in the front yard.

**CBPA BOARD VOTE:**

Mr. Underhill moved to **GRANT THE EXCEPTION** requested in **PLN-CBPA-2022-005** with the stipulations as recommended by the CBPA Review Committee listed. Ms. Thomas seconded the motion. The motion was carried by a vote of 5 – 0 - 1. Chairman Weckworth abstained. Board members James, Sutherland, and Toida was excused.

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**OTHER BUSINESS:**

- Chris Wilson discussed Package Accessibility.
- John Klesh discussed Bryan's Cove and the erosion on the shoreline.

**ADJOURNMENT:**

With no further business, the meeting was adjourned at 6:33 P.M.

Sincerely,

Sherry Carawan  
Recording Secretary

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