



DRAFT MEETING MINUTES

DATE July 14, 2025, at 9:00 am
LOCATION Bow Creek Stormwater Park – Pedestrian Bridge in the Parking Lot of Bow Creek Recreation Center, 3427 Club House Road, Virginia Beach, Virginia 23452

Members Present: Bryan Hickman (Chair), Ali Allred, Mike Nerino, Sally McMahon, and Chris Williams.

Members Absent: Walter Camp, Ed Hazelwood, Rob Lindauer, Cathie Seebauer, Melissa Chang (Student Member) and Collin Knightes (Student Member)

Liaisons Present: Kathryn Byler (Planning Commission) and Dan Edwards (Parks and Recreation Commission)

City Staff Present: Chad Morris, Steve Lambert, Trina Harrell, Rob MacPherson, Rachael Buchanan (Intern), Leia Morrissey (Intern), Jeff VanFossen (PW) and Alec Jensen (PW)

Guests Present: Maury Hill, Jessica Lehman, and Chase Christianson

1. WELCOME & ATTENDANCE ROLL CALL

Chair Bryan Hickman called the meeting to order at 9:05am and welcomed all present. Recorder Trina Harrell called the roll. Chair Hickman reviewed the agenda, thanked Public Works and Parks and Recreation staff for organizing the tour, and ensured all attendees were wearing hard hats and reflective vests before proceeding onto the active construction site.

2. APPROVAL OF MINUTES: Tabled until next month.

3. **TOUR:** After a brief walk to a future overlook area, Mr. Jeff VanFossen and Mr. Alec Jensen, Public Works Stormwater Engineers, reviewed the history of the site and explained the need to convert the former golf course into a stormwater storage facility. This project will assist in flood mitigation but will include several passive recreational amenities as well. Construction of the eastern phase began in July 2023 and is expected to be complete by the end of 2026. Excavation of the eastern phase is approximately 80% complete. When the project is completed, one million cubic yards will have been excavated. This site, along with the new tide gates at Mount Trashmore, will help manage the tidal flooding that occurs in Virginia Beach. The northwestern section of the future park includes two miles of interim trails, is currently open to the public, and is accessed near the outdoor playground at the entrance of the recreation center. Following several questions from the attendees, Chair Hickman thanked Mr. VanFossen and Mr. Jensen for providing this informative tour of the future stormwater park. Members then gathered near the playground and Mr. Rob MacPherson, Parks and Recreation Project Manager, led the group on a walking tour of the northwestern section. Upon completion of the eastern phase, the western phase will close for construction to commence, and the eastern phase will be open to the public. Total project cost is \$103.7M and is on schedule to complete by May 2030. At the conclusion, members and guests thanked staff for a very informative tour and they look forward to following the project progress at [Bow Creek Stormwater Park](#).

4. DEBRIEF AND ADJOURN

Chair Hickman reviewed the upcoming meeting dates and thanked everyone for participating, especially with a heat index over 100 degrees.

5. NOTE UPCOMING MEETINGS & EVENTS, ADJOURN

- 8/11/2025 – ATAC Meeting, 3:30pm at Parks and Recreation Administration Building
- 8/31/2025 – ATAC Annual Report Due
- 10/8/2025 – Virginia Bike-Walk-Roll to School Day

There being no further business, the meeting was adjourned at 11:00am.

Bryan Hickman, Chair

Trina Harrell, Recorder

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