



DRAFT MEETING MINUTES

DATE June 9, 2025, at 3:30 pm
LOCATION Parks & Recreation Administration
2154 Landstown Road, Virginia Beach, Virginia 23456

Members Present: Bryan Hickman (Chair), Ali Allred, Walter Camp, Ed Hazelwood, Rob Lindauer, Mike Nerino, David Plum, Cathie Seebauer, Chris Williams, and Melissa Chang (Student Member).

Members Absent: Ysabel Wells (Student Member)

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

City Staff Present: Kenneth Chandler (Deputy City Manager, P/V), Michael Kirschman, Chad Morris, Trina Harrell, and Interns Rachael Buchanan and Leia Morrissey

Guests Present: Ryan Hersey (VBCPS), Collin Knightes, Don Krudop, Dustin Wallace (P/V), and Jon Murdoch

1. WELCOME & ATTENDANCE ROLL CALL

Chair Bryan Hickman called the meeting to order at 3:30pm, welcomed all present. A hybrid format was used, with committee members as well as Liaisons, staff and the public able to participate remotely or in-person. Chair Hickman recognized David Plum's accomplishments and thanked him for his service as his term ends June 30th. Chair Hickman recognized Ysabel Wells' (student member) accomplishments and thanked her for her service as her term ends on June 30th. Mr. Camp elaborated on her leadership role of the very successful London Bridge cleanup. Chair Hickman also reviewed several new appointments and reappointments that will be effective July 1st. Interns Ms. Rachael Buchanan and Ms. Leia Morrissey will be assisting Recorder Trina Harrell to compose this month's notes.

2. APPROVAL OF MINUTES:

Upon motion by Cathie Seebauer, seconded by Mike Nerino, the minutes of the April 7, 2025, meeting were approved unanimously.

3. PRESENTATION:

Repaving Schedule FY26 and Maintenance Needs. In May, Steve Lambert sent a request asking members to identify areas with maintenance problems to be considered and prioritized for potential funding. The repaving program provides an opportunity to suggest areas where bike facilities might be created by restriping after streets are repaved. This is a low-cost way of obtaining additional active transportation miles efficiently. Comments were due by May 25th, but since Mr. Lambert was unable to attend today's meeting, Mr. Hickman asked for comments to be sent by the end of this week.

4. OLD BUSINESS

- a. Shore Drive Phase 3. Dave Plum attended Councilmember Cummings' Town Hall meeting and advised lane closures will occur, with one lane always open. As expected, there is an

increase in vehicular traffic on Lynnhaven Road trying to avoid the construction area. Bike lanes will be constructed in-road and will start on the east end of Lesner Bridge and terminate at Beech Street near the Food Lion. Referencing the Manual on Uniform Traffic Control Devices (MUTCD) 11th Edition, Mr. Plum encourages Public Works to use approved warning signs to help warn road users to watch for bicycles on the highway. Mr. Plum read paragraph 02 of Section 9C.08 Other Bicycle Warning Signs that states "In situations where there is a need to warn road users to watch for bicycles traveling along the highway, the Bicycle Warning (W11-1) sign may be used with the IN ROAD (W16-1P) plaque or the IN STREET (W16-1aP) plaque (see Figure 9C-1)." While the suggested signage for bicyclists on Shore Drive is warranted, some suggested additional traffic calming measures be considered. Concerns about the future high intensity activated crosswalk beacon (HAWK) to be installed on Great Neck Road just south of Shore Drive were shared. Drivers turning onto Great Neck Road from both directions of Shore Drive are seen accelerating quickly and may not pay attention to the flashing lights. Public Works has had numerous discussions with the Bayfront Advisory Committee (BAC) and the Ocean Park Civic League. A public information meeting is anticipated to receive comments.

- b. Bike Month May 2025. Chair Hickman thanked everyone for supporting the various events during Bike Month. On May 6th, Councilmember Rouse read the proclamation by the Mayor, recognizing several past ATAC chairs. The six bike-to-school events were attended by more than 1,000 students. Students travelled to school from various origins or met at one place and travelled together. The coordination between VB City Public Schools, VB Police Department, and Parks and Recreation helped make these events successful. Bike Norfolk donated 25 helmets, and the Parks and Recreation Foundation donated portable bike racks suitable for 100 bicycles. These were substantial donations and Walter Camp made a motion for ATAC to send letters of appreciation thanking them for their support and participation. Cathie Seebauer seconded, and the motion passed unanimously. National Bike, Roll, and Walk to School Day is October 8th and several schools are interested in participating. On behalf of the Elizabeth River Trail, Ali Allred participated in the Bike to Work Day and wished to thank Steve Lambert for providing marketing materials such as stickers, brochures, and maps for her to distribute in Norfolk. This peaked interest of the patrons and Ms. Allred was able to expand on the liaison role and reinforced regionalism. Mr. Camp stated that Ms. Wells coordinated four different organizations to participate in the LRNow sponsored London Bridge Bike Path Cleanup on May 10th, 9am – 12:00noon. Mr. Lambert provided marketing materials for her display table as well.
- c. Three Oaks Path Dedication. After nearly 10 years, the Three Oaks Path was completed and dedicated on June 2nd. This connector trail, along with FoxFire Trail (opened November 22, 2024), are two Transportation Alternative Program (TAP) grant projects that provide highly requested connections for their communities. In response to questions about data collection, staff advised Artificial Intelligence (AI) software will track the number of people on the trail (cell phone driven data) and the mode of transportation used. Mr. Camp thanked the P&R Department for providing the information to the public and for providing the utility vehicle to give Councilmember Henley a private tour of the path.
- d. July Bow Creek Stormwater Park Site Tour. Chair Hickman advised Mr. Lambert is organizing a site tour of the Bow Creek Stormwater Park instead of a regular meeting on July 14th and members in attendance agreed the morning timeframe is preferred. A meeting invitation will be sent requesting a response since this is an active construction site and protective equipment will be provided.
- e. ATAC Comments on Draft Comprehensive Plan. Mr. Camp advised the process has seen considerable delays since the April ATAC meeting. The Planning Commission received the entire draft Comprehensive Plan during their May 31st meeting. He recommends ATAC's subcommittee waits until the Planning Commission provides revisions before they initiate their review.

5. REPORTS

- a. Virginia Beach Trail & Other Greenways - Status Updates. The status for all projects remains the same as at prior meetings, except as noted earlier in these Minutes or below:
 - Virginia Beach Trail
 - Phase I (Newtown Rd to Town Center to S. Plaza Trail). Federal Highway Administration (FWHA) is reviewing and the City hopes to move forward with the Memorandum of Understanding (MOU) soon.
 - Phase II – The City applied for a \$5M TAP grant.
 - Phase IV (London Bridge to Birdneck Rd). The Commonwealth Transportation Board (CTB) will adopt the final funding plan at their June 25th meeting. This will provide five (5) continuous miles of trails from Rudee Loop to London Bridge Road.
 - Economic Impact Study is underway.
 - Other Greenways in Design or Construction.
 - Three Oaks Path. As discussed above, ribbon cutting was June 2nd.
 - Thalia Creek Greenway Phase III. Construction is underway.
 - Maintenance projects
 - Dam Neck Road. Second phase is underway.
 - Harris Road. Completion anticipated in the next few months.
 - Violet Bank Trail. Land acquisition phase.
 - As shown in the FY2026 Resource Management Plan, the \$1M usually appropriated to the City Bikeways and Trails Plan Implementation CIP will be appropriated to the VB Trail Phase I CIP. This appropriation, along with additional appropriated funding, will fill the gap needed to fully fund phase I. After a discussion, Mr. Camp made a motion to offer ATAC's support of the FY26 \$1M appropriation in a letter to City Council. Any future dedications are at the discretion of City Council.
 - Blueways under development
 - Historic Kempsville Kayak Launch. Construction is nearing completion.
 - Owl Creek Boat and Kayak Launch. Under construction.
 - Elbow Road Kayak Launch. Utilizing a section of older roadway to provide a kayak launch.
 - Bow Creek water access point (inland). An amenity in the Bow Creek Stormwater Park (BCSP).
 - Pungo Ferry Point kayak launch. Funded and under contract.
 - Pleasure House Point kayak launch. Planned and funded.
 - Kayak Vending Machines. Three are open with one planned for BCSP.
- b. ITA Master Plan Update.
 - The Virginia Beach Development Authority (VBDA) called for a special meeting Friday, June 13th, that will be televised and recorded. A master plan examining the industrial uses of all 604 acres of the ITA will be presented.
 - During the May 21st Planning Commission Meeting, a question was raised about the supplemental plans, including the ITA Master Plan, that are included with the Comprehensive Plan. According to a follow up discussion, the Planning Commission will decide the next steps of the supplemental plans.
- c. Liaisons.
 - City Council. No update.
 - Planning Commission. Ms. Byler mentioned the conditional rezoning request for mixed-use development of the former Cypress Point Shopping Center that will include multi-family apartment buildings and demolishing 75% of the shopping center. She also touched on the expansion of the Silo apartments by the Municipal Center just south of the green line. Please provide any comments to her to bring forward to the Commission. The members of the Planning Commission requested a walking tour of the VB Trail and suggested even members of the Planning Department would be interested.
 - Parks & Recreation Commission. Commissioner Edwards advised the [Parks After Dark Program](#) is 6pm – 10pm every Thursday, Friday, and Saturday night at William Farms

Park through August 23rd and through August 9th at College Park Elementary and Rosemont Elementary Schools.

- d. ATAC Students. Ms. Chang plans to attend the tour in July and will be attending the City Council meeting tomorrow, June 10th, when City Council will be recognizing the efforts of students on boards and commissions.
- e. Bayfront Advisory Commission. At the May meeting, Mr. Frank Hickman gave a presentation on the preparation of the Bayfront Beaches for the summer season which includes inspection of beach access points, grading work, and adding sand fencing as needed. He thanked Mr. Hickman for his efforts on the trash cleanup along the guardrail on Shore Drive. A suggestion to eliminate on-road bike lanes due to the proximity of the future VB Trail was proposed but following a lengthy discussion of the [Cleveland Street Improvements Phase IV](#) project, most in attendance agreed the amenity is warranted and will be utilized.
- f. Resort Advisory Commission TPPC Committee. Ed Hazelwood advised discussions included Hawk signals to be implemented near the Cavalier Hotel and are proposed for the VB Trail. Anticipated completion is March 2027 for the Cavalier location. Hawk signals are approximately half the cost of a standard traffic signal. The Invitation to Bid for 17th Street Improvements Phase 1 closed on April 30th. Work includes roadway and hardscape improvements to Virginia Beach Boulevard from Cypress Avenue to Pacific Avenue. The Strawberry Festival was well attended. Cooke Elementary bike/walk/roll event will be June 6th. Many hoteliers and restaurant owners are against the increase in the meals tax. Virginia Senator Bill DeSteph championed budget amendment SB800 to provide for \$1M in FY25 for the construction, maintenance and improvement of bike trails in Virginia Beach but it did not pass. Mr. Hazelwood wrote Senator DeSteph a letter thanking him for his support. Mr. Camp advised the importance of the VB Trail connecting to Rudee Park and discussed the Rudee Park rendering [video](#) that was included in the May 20, 2025 [City Council presentation](#). Improvements to [Winston Salem Avenue](#) will enhance connectivity between Mediterranean Avenue, the Rudee Loop Walkway, and Pacific Avenue by providing new sidewalks, bicycle facilities, lighting, landscaping, on-street parking, crosswalks, accessibility upgrades, and utility improvements within the right-of-way. At City Council's direction, a subcommittee to reexamine improvements to Atlantic Avenue has been formed due to costs higher than planned. Mr. Camp advised attendees to Atlantic Park, the former Dome site, are traveling by bicycles in record numbers and are struggling to find places to secure their bicycles. Mr. Camp thanked Cathie Seebauer for sharing photos she took of bicycles being secured to a variety of vertical fixtures. Public Works purchased double stacked bike racks that will be installed in the parking garage to help alleviate the problem.
- g. ATAC Member Reports.
 - Dave Plum suggested more bicycle parking is needed during Taste Bayville Farms on Shore Drive - Live on the Lawn – every Friday night from Memorial Day to Labor Day. Since this is a private business, additional bicycle parking would be at their expense, not the City's.
 - Mr. Camp met with Virginia Beach's sister organization, [Norfolk Bicycling, Pedestrian, and Active Transportation Commission](#), who shared an interest in attending our meetings and building a relationship. He clarified that Elizabeth River Trail (ERT) and Bike Norfolk are two of several active transportation groups in Norfolk but suggested Virginia Beach would benefit from communicating with all active transportation groups in Norfolk and the region.
 - Later in June, Mr. Camp will give a presentation on the history of railroads in Virginia Beach and their importance to current day bicycle trails to the Princess Anne Historical Society. He will share the date once confirmed.
 - Mike Nerino thanked Virginia Beach Parks and Recreation staff, specifically Peter and Abigail, who lead the [Mind Over Miles](#) walking club that meets the first Tuesday of every month for patrons to connect with others and the environment while walking through Virginia Beach's parks and natural areas.

6. NEW BUSINESS:

- a. Vice Chair Election. Due to several membership transitions, Chair Hickman proposed the election of vice chair be tabled until the fall. Those in attendance agreed.
- b. Annual Re-Adoption of Remote Participation Policies. State law requires these policies be adopted/readopted annually. Walter Camp made a motion to readopt the Remote Participation Policy as written and Ali Allred seconded. The motion was unanimously passed. Mr. Camp made a motion to readopt the All-Virtual Public Meeting Policy as written and Ms. Allred seconded. The motion was unanimously passed.
- c. Annual report to City Council – Chair Hickman advised the report is due August 31st and will include a list of accomplishments, activities, photos, and goals for the upcoming year. A draft report will be sent prior to the August meeting for members to review and approve.
- d. ATAC Group Photo. Those in attendance gathered to be included in the annual photo taken by Recorder Trina Harrell.
- e. FY 2024/25 volunteer hours. Chair Hickman reminded members to please submit their volunteer hours to Recorder Trina Harrell by the end of the month.

7. CLOSING COMMENTS FROM THE COMMITTEE. None.

8. NOTE UPCOMING MEETINGS & EVENTS, ADJOURN

- 6/25/2025 – Smart Scale CTB Vote
- 7/14/2025 – Bow Creek Stormwater Park Tour, Bow Creek Recreation Center
- 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 5:01pm.

Bryan Hickman, Chair

Trina Harrell, Recorder

Distribution:

- Mayor and City Council
- Patrick Duhaney, City Manager
- Kenneth Chandler, Deputy City Manager
- Amanda Jarratt, Deputy City Manager
- Active Transportation Advisory Committee
- Parks and Recreation Commission
- Open Space Advisory Committee
- Resort Advisory Commission, TPPC
- Transition Area/Interfacility Traffic Area Citizens Advisory Committee
- Michael Kirschman, Parks and Recreation Director
- Shirley Deibler, Parks and Recreation Deputy Director
- L.J. Hansen, Public Works Director
- Toni Utterback, Public Works, City Engineer
- David Jarman, Public Works
- William Morgan, Public Works
- Ric Lowman, Public Works
- Mike Shahsiah, Public Works
- Kathy Warren, Planning Director
- Carrie Bookholt, Planning Deputy Director

- Hank Morrison, Planning
- Lt. Bill Chisholm, Virginia Beach Police Department
- Lei Dunn, Virginia Beach City Public Schools
- Parks & Recreation Dept. – Planning, Design and Development
- Virginia Beach Parks and Recreation Foundation