



MEETING MINUTES

DATE October 23, 2023, at 3:00 pm
LOCATION Parks & Recreation Administration Room 101
2154 Landstown Road, Virginia Beach, Virginia 23456

1. WELCOME & ATTENDANCE ROLL CALL

Chair Bernick called the meeting to order at 3:00pm. Recorder Trina Harrell called the role. Chair Bernick welcomed new members Phillip Hines and the new student members, Ms. Cecilia Kocan and Mr. Gavin Wehr to their first meeting.

Name	Role or Association	Attend
Clay Bernick	Chair	√
Jarrold L. Katzer	Vice Chair	√
Marguerite Alley	Committee Member	Ab
Richard "Tuck" Bowie	Committee Member	√
Vincent Bowhers	Committee Member	√
Francis Drumm	Committee Member	√
William W. Fleming	Committee Member	√
Maury Hill	Committee Member	√
Phillip Hines	Committee Member	√
Dianna McDowell	Committee Member	√
John Olivieri	Committee Member	√
Cecilia Kocan	Student Member	√
Gavin Wehr	Student Member	√
Liaisons		
Barbara Henley	City Council Member	√
Chris Taylor	City Council Member	√
City Staff		
Chad Morris	Parks and Recreation	√
Trina Harrell	Parks and Recreation	√
Corinna Green	Parks and Recreation	√
Ashley-Loren J. Grant	City Attorney's Office	√
L. J. Hansen	Public Works	√
Carrie Bookholt	Planning	√
Danielle R. Spach	Emergency Management	√
Guests		
Karen Beardslee Kwasny	VBPRF	√



2. **APPROVAL OF MINUTES: SEPTEMBER 25, 2023, MEETING**

A motion made by Francis Drumm and seconded by Vice Chair Katzer to approve the Minutes from the September 25th meeting was passed unanimously.

3. **NEW BUSINESS**

- a. Dominion Energy Coastal Virginia Offshore Wind (CVOW) Project Tree Mitigation – Mr. Chad Morris provided an overview of the CVOW Tree Mitigation project. The City will receive approximately \$1.4M to mitigate the trees impacted by the project.
 1. State Military Reservation (SMR) Underground Route
 - Cable Landing Location to Harpers Switching Station
 - Transition from 9 to 27 cables
 - 4.1 miles underground route
 2. New Harpers Switching Station
 - 230kV GIS
 - 9 Shunt Reactors
 - 3 StatComs
 3. Overhead Transmission Routes to Fentress
 - 3 Transmission Lines
 - 14-18 miles
 4. Fentress Substation Expansion
 - 500kV GIS
 - Three (3) new 500kV TX's plus spares

4. **CLOSED/OPEN SESSION**

Closed Session
Chair Bernick called for motion to convene a closed session at 3:30pm to discuss properties in Voting Districts 2, 4, 6, and 8. Motion made by Francis Drumm, seconded by Vice Chair Jarrod Katzer and unanimously approved to convene into closed session.
Open Session
Chair Bernick reconvened the open meeting and called for a motion to certify the closed meeting at 4:40pm. Motion made by Vincent Bowhers, seconded by Francis Drumm and unanimously approved to certify the closed meeting.

5. **OLD BUSINESS**

- a. Update – P&R Commission vacancy and student representatives Student Representatives on OSAC Request to Council – Chair Bernick advised City Council appointed four new members: Mr. Phillip Hines (P&R Commission Liaison), Ms. Marguerite Alley, and two new student members, Ms. Cecilia Kocan and Mr. Gavin Wehr.
- b. ITA Open Space Strategies – Subcommittee members are pulling together all available reports/background materials as they relate to the ITA to support suggestion of moving forward. Vice Chair Katzer is also available to help review the documents/reports.
- c. Properties under review for purchase
 1. Per City Council's request for the Open Space Advisory Committee to provide a recommendation based on three scenarios regarding the purchase of a portion of the Wycliffe Church Property. After reviewing the scenarios in detail, members noted the following concerns:



- Issues regarding the maintenance of existing stormwater structures in response to its potential value as an expanded stormwater asset; Relatively low number of households served by a 10-minute walk, as has become a municipal and national standard; Low social vulnerability quotient regarding the surrounding area; and Lack of direct contact between the Committee and seller, as is customary. Vice Chair Katzner made a motion to not purchase the Wycliffe Church Property based on the three scenarios presented, seconded by Francis Drumm, and passed on a 7-2 vote, with member Richard "Tuck" Bowie abstaining.
2. The owner of 400 Baker Road contacted the City directly to request the property be considered for purchase as open space. This 5.7-acre property extends into the lake but there are legal agreements prohibiting the use of the lake, is encumbered by easements, and cannot be developed. John Olivieri made a motion not to purchase the property located at 400 Baker Road, seconded by Bill Fleming, which passed unanimously.
 3. The owner of 2080 Princess Anne Road contacted the City directly to request the property be considered for purchase as open space. This two-acre property is located across the street from Three Oaks Park, which was previously purchased for open space, and has not received funding for development. The property presented has structures on it but are not of any use to the City. Maury Hill made a motion not to purchase the property at 2080 Princess Anne Road, seconded by Phillip Hines, which passed unanimously.

6. REPORTS

- a. Virginia Beach Parks and Recreation Foundation (VBPRF) – Karen Beardslee Kwasny
 - Mary Prier's Bike Buddy rack was installed at 17th Street, along with another sponsored rack this month. There are still three (3) Bike Buddy racks available for sponsorship and are working with the CVB to involve more oceanfront businesses.
 - From the FB page:
 - We have a new Autumn in the Air T-shirt available. You can check it out at our online store. Proceeds from all shirt sales benefit the foundation, helping us continue supporting programs like Students on the Swim and Community Cares. You'll find details on the November 4 Autumn in the Air event at <https://parks.virginiabeach.gov/.../spe.../autumn-in-the-air>
 - 11 Community Communication Boards have been installed at parks and recreation centers throughout the city, with the first, sponsored by Solobo, being unveiled a few weeks ago at Beach Garden Park. Boards sponsored by FACT (at Mount Trashmore) and the Tidewater Autism Society (Bayville Farms) were recognized in a heartwarming story behind this project in VBPRF's e-newsletter! <https://conta.cc/3rGq6yX>
 - Communication Boards promotions kicked off with a WTKR News interview on September 26 (aired on September 30) and a Virginian-Pilot article on September 30. Sponsor photos were taken at Mount Trashmore, Bayville Farms Park, and Red Wing Park, with additional photos scheduled for October 27 and November 10. Photos will be posted on VBPRF social media and provided to sponsors to share with their audience.
 - Currently, two board member vacancies when Susie Walston and Mindy Hughes terms ended and working to fill those seats through a recent membership in Volunteer Hampton Roads.
 - Elected a new President - Barbara Duke



- b. Green Ribbon Committee – Vincent Bowhers
 - Briefing by Melissa Lindgren, Public Works, on update to Stormwater Master Plan. The Design standard is for a 10-year storm. Bond freed up funds for maintenance.
 - Comprehensive Plan update – Focus group meetings now and into the new year
 - Stormwater maintenance discussion to continue at next meeting on October 26th
- c. LRNOW – Vincent Bowhers/Clay Bernick
 - October 14th - Thalia Creek cleanup canceled due to rain
 - October 21st - Planted 87 trees in the Nichols Park neighborhood
 - Recent Cleanups
 - USS Bush Sailors participated in cleanup at Pembroke Lake
 - Radiant Digital participated in cleanup at Hutton Circle
 - 67 Cleanups and 10,998 lbs. so far in 2023
 - Upcoming events
 - October 27 & 28 - Tree maintenance, rain garden, and cleanup in Green Run
 - November 5 - LRNOW Holiday Market at New Realm Brewing
 - November 8 - Green Drinks at Pungo Shorebreak
 - November 18 - Cleanup at Atlantis Apartments
- d. Active Transportation Advisory Committee – Maury Hill
 - Chad Morris presented the P&R Capital Improvement Projects budget proposal, focusing his presentation on projects related to Bikeways and Trails.
 - Highlights include:
 - Funding of kayak launches at Kempsville and Pleasure House Point
 - Funding for Preliminary Engineering Report for Greenwich Trail
 - Request for \$20M for VB Trail Phase I
 - Road Projects Update
 - City has a portfolio of \$900K to \$1.3M projects in progress at any time
 - Projects going forward will contain numerous multi-use paths and bike lanes
 - Discussions continue with Dominion Energy regarding plans for trails along the easements for the wind energy transmission lines.

7. CLOSING COMMENTS FROM THE COMMITTEE

- a. None

8. ADJOURN AND UPCOMING MEETINGS & EVENTS

- a. Next Open Space Advisory Committee Meeting December 4th

There being no further business, the Chair entertained a motion to adjourn the meeting. A motion was made by Francis Drumm and seconded by William Fleming to adjourn the meeting at 4:50pm.

Clay Bernick, Chair

Trina Harrell, Recorder



Distribution:

Mayor and City Council
Patrick Duhaney, City Manager
Parks and Recreation Commission
Open Space Advisory Committee
Kenneth Chandler, Deputy City Manager
Lucia Whitlow, City Attorney's Office
Kaitlyn James, Budget and Management Services
Kathy Warren, Planning Director
Emily Archer, Planning/SGA Office
David Trimmer, Agriculture Director
L.J. Hansen, Public Works Director
Kristal Johnson, Public Works/Real Estate
Michael Kirschman, Parks and Recreation Director
Frank Fentress, Parks and Recreation, Landscape Services
Parks and Recreation staff present



MEETING DATE: October 23, 2023

MOTION: Vincent Bowhers

SECOND: Francis Drumm

CERTIFICATE OF CLOSED MEETING

WHEREAS, The Parks and Recreation Open Space Advisory Committee of the City of Virginia Beach has convened a closed meeting on this date pursuant to an affirmative recorded vote and in accordance with the provisions of the Virginia Freedom of Information Act; and

WHEREAS, Virginia Code 2.2-3712 requires a certification that such closed meeting was conducted in conformity with Virginia law.

NOW THEREFORE, BE IT RESOLVED that the Parks and Recreation Open Space Advisory Committee of the City of Virginia Beach, Virginia, hereby certifies that to the best of each member's knowledge (i) only public business matters lawfully exempted from open meeting requirements by Virginia Code 2.2-3711(A) to which this certification applies; and (ii) only such public business matters as were identified in the Motion by which the closed meeting was convened were heard, discussed or considered by the Parks and Recreation Open Space Advisory Committee.

VOTE: 10-0

AYE (list by last name): Bernick, Bowhers, Bowie, Drumm, Fleming, Hill, Hines, Katzer, McDowell, and Olivieri

NAY (list by last name): N/A

ABSENT DURING VOTE: Alley

ABSENT DURING MEETING: Alley

STATEMENT OF MEMBER INDICATING SUBSTANCE OF DEPARTURE: N/A

Trina M. Harrell

Administrative Specialist II

Parks and Recreation Open Space Advisory Committee



**MODEL MOTION TO CERTIFY THE MINUTES OF A CLOSED MEETING UNDER
THE VIRGINIA FREEDOM OF INFORMATION ACT**

The Chair will entertain a motion pursuant to Section 2.2-3712(D) of the Code of Virginia, as amended, to certify that to the best of each member's knowledge (i) only public business matters lawfully exempted from open meeting requirements by Virginia Code 2.2-3711(A) and (ii) only such public business matters as were identified in the motion by which the closed meeting was convened were heard, discussed or considered in the meeting by the Parks and Recreation Open Space Advisory Committee.

(This portion below is for use by the person recording the minutes. Transfer the vote to the certificate which is to be filed with the minutes and signed by the Secretary or Assistant Secretary)

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SECOND: Francis Drumm

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