



MEETING MINUTES

DATE September 25, 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.

Name	Role or Association	Attend
Clay Bernick	Chair	√
Francis Drumm	Committee Member	√
Jarrod L. Katzer	Vice Chair	√
John Olivieri	Committee Member	√
Maury Hill	Committee Member	Ab
Richard "Tuck" Bowie	Committee Member	√
Vincent Bowhers	Committee Member	√
William W. Fleming	Committee Member	√
Dianna McDowell	Committee 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	√
Lucie Whitlow	City Attorney's Office	√
Carrie Bookholt	Planning	√
Kaitlen S. Alcock	Planning	√
Guests		
Tim Solanic	Shore Drive Community Coalition	√
Michael Pearman	Shore Drive Community Coalition	√
Walter Camp	ATAC Chair	√

2. APPROVAL OF MINUTES: August 28, 2023, MEETING

A motion made by Tuck Bowie and seconded by Francis Drumm to approve the Minutes from the August 28th meeting was passed unanimously.



3. NEW BUSINESS

- a. Member resignation/recommendations – Chair Bernick advised Kevin Baggett resigned on September 7th, and he is working with the City Clerk's Office to make a recommendation to fill the vacancy.
- b. P&R Commission Liaison Vacancy – The Parks and Recreation Commission will discuss the vacant OSAC liaison position during their October 5th meeting and will pursue any interested members.

4. OLD BUSINESS

- a. Student Representatives on OSAC Request to Council – A resolution to add student members to OSAC was adopted by consent during the September 5, 2023, Council meeting.
- b. City Council Annual Report – Chair Bernick confirmed the Annual Report was sent to City Council and posted to the website by the August 31, 2023, deadline.
- c. ITA Open Space Strategies – Based on last month's discussion, a focused implementation plan is needed and Chair Bernick suggested creating a workgroup to accomplish this task. Council member Henley mentioned the Virginia Beach sports tourism market and facilities opportunity study by Victus Advisors, which was presented to City Council on June 6, 2023. Vincent Bowhers and Dianna McDowell volunteered to participate on the subcommittee.
- d. Volunteer Hours – Chair Bernick reminded members to submit volunteer hours to Recorder Trina Harrell at tmharrel@vbgov.com by the end of the month.
- e. Volunteer Opportunity – Chair Bernick shared an email received today inviting volunteers to assist with sales/service area for the Autumn in the Air – Fall Festival at Mount Trashmore on Saturday, November 4th, starting at 11am. If interested, send Chair Bernick an email.

5. CLOSED/OPEN SESSION

Closed Session
Chair Bernick called for motion to convene a closed session at 3:15pm to discuss properties in Voting Districts 2 and 8. Motion made by Vice Chair Jarrod Katzer, seconded by William Fleming 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 4:32pm. Motion made by Vincent Bowhers, seconded by Francis Drumm and unanimously approved to certify the closed meeting.

6. REPORTS

- a. Virginia Beach Parks and Recreation Foundation (VBPRF) – Mindy Hughes
 - No report
- b. Green Ribbon Committee – Vincent Bowhers
 - No report
- c. LRNOW – Vincent Bowhers/Clay Bernick
 - Cleanups at Lake Windsor/Lake Trashmore and MOCA on September 9th removed almost 1,000 lbs.
 - Used all resources available and additional cleanups are needed
 - Next cleanup is October 14th at Thalia Kayak Launch
 - Next tree planting is October 21st at Nichols Park at Lexington
- d. Active Transportation Advisory Committee – Maury Hill (as read by Chair Bernick)
 - TAP Grant for improvements to the VB Trail (Norfolk Ave from Birdneck Road to Pacific Ave section) will be discussed at City Council's September 19th meeting. The grant seeks



funding for pedestrian scale lighting the entire distance, medians and intersections to allow users to cross Norfolk Ave to the trail safely. Also, upgrading of signals and crossings at Birdneck and Pacific will allow transitions to the surrounding community at the trail ends. This trail was originally acquired with Open Space funding and has been a huge success. Discussions continue with Dominion Energy regarding a multi-use/bike path along the proposed above ground line, which starts near Castleton neighborhood and turns due west towards the ITA.

- Discussions regarding the design phase of Innovation Park Phase II for property along Princess Anne Road from Hudome Way to the entrance of VB National
- Both above topics have potential for future open space options to attached parcels
- Fall Site Tours are being planned with at least one along Shore Drive. Members of OSAC are welcomed to attend. Dates/times will be sent once determined.
- ATAC annual report referenced its partnership with OSAC.

7. CLOSING COMMENTS FROM THE COMMITTEE

- a. Francis Drumm – discussed [*When Chopping Down Trees is a Gift to the Environment*](#) opinion guest essay published in the New York Times June 10, 2023.
- b. National Public Lands Day was this past Saturday, September 23rd.

8. ADJOURN AND UPCOMING MEETINGS & EVENTS

- a. Next Open Space Advisory Committee Meeting October 23rd

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 4:38pm.

Clay Bernick, Chair

Trina Harrell, Recorder

Distribution:

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Open Space Advisory Committee
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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



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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: 8-0

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

NAY (list by last name): N/A

ABSENT DURING VOTE: Hill

ABSENT DURING MEETING: Hill

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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