



MEETING MINUTES

DATE: July 22, 2024, at 3:00 pm

LOCATION: Parks and Recreation Administration Building
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 asked staff to introduce themselves.

Name	Role or Association	Attend
Clay Bernick	Chair	√
Jarrod L. Katzer	Vice Chair	√
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	Ab
John Olivieri	Committee Member	Ab
Gavin Wehr	Student Member	√
Cooper Stuart	Student Member	√
Liaisons		
Barbara Henley	City Council Member	√
Chris Taylor	City Council Member	
City Staff		
Ken Chandler	City Manager's Office	√
Michael Kirschman	Parks and Recreation	√
Chad Morris	Parks and Recreation	√
Corinna Green	Parks and Recreation	√
Trina Harrell	Parks and Recreation	√
Ashley-Loren Grant	City Attorney's Office	√
Guests		

2. APPROVAL OF MINUTES:

June 24, 2024

A motion made by Vincent Bowhers and seconded by William Fleming to approve the June 24, 2024, minutes, which passed unanimously.

3. NEW BUSINESS

a. Va Outdoors Plan

Chair Bernick asked members present to use the link on the agenda to provide comments.

b. ITA Master Plan Update – Chad Morris

Mr. Morris, Planning, Design & Development Administrator, briefed the committee on the progress made to date on creating a high-level implementation plan and estimated costs to develop the ITA in terms of recreational uses, to enhance the existing Princess Anne Commons recreational area and to preserve the natural areas within the ITA. Department comments will be presented to the City Manager for consideration in August and if the request is to move forward, then it will be brought to City Council for consideration. Questions were raised about the City's portion of the right of way for the Coastal Virginia Offshore Wind (CVOW) transmission line corridor and the impact from the project. Comments will be provided at the August meeting. A copy of the presentation is attached.

4. OLD BUSINESS

a. Vacancy – Even though City Council appointed a new member, she immediately resigned stating a time commitment issue. Chair Bernick recently reviewed the applications for a potential member to fill the existing member vacancy and will provide a recommendation to Council.

b. Open Space Property Development Priorities

Mr. Morris reviewed the direction of the undeveloped and underdeveloped park sites and touched on the properties. Council member Henley recommended a workgroup be formed. Several members volunteered to participate – Tuck Bowie, Vincent Bowhens, Maury Hill, Francis Drumm and Gavin Wehr. Members were asked to be prepared to make a recommendation at the August meeting.

c. Virginia Land Conservation Foundation (VLCF) Grant Workgroup Update

Ms. Green is working on a grant application for the City for a potential acquisition. The application deadline is August 28th and Phillip Hines is still available to assist.

5. REPORTS

a. City Council Liaisons - no report

b. Student Members – Gavin Wehr advised they need volunteers, requested assistance on his project.

c. Parks and Recreation Commission – no July meeting

d. Virginia Beach Parks and Recreation Foundation (VBPRF) – no report

e. Green Ribbon Committee – Chair Bernick asked for a volunteer to be the liaison for the Green Ribbon Committee. Vincent Bowhens might be able to attend this week's meeting.

f. LRNOW – Vincent Bowhens/Clay Bernick

- Rescheduled cleanup at Beach Garden Park to August 10
- Special cleanup KPMG – Williams Farm Park
- Scarborough Square and West Neck Creek will be in September
- Bird walks will start on September 7th at Pleasure House Point
- Holiday Market at New Realm on November 10th

g. Active Transportation Advisory Committee – bus tour through transition area

- New housing is considering outdoor activity in planning
- Bridges and roadways are constructed higher due to anticipated sea level rise
- Amenities in the Transition area range from nonexistent to shared use paths
- Bicycle amenities are lacking
- Plan for potential future connections
- All improvements have maintenance costs to consider
- Projects in Process
 - Foxfire Trail
 - Nimmo Parkway Phase 7A
 - Three Oaks Path

h. Workgroups

- Handbook workgroup – Vice Chair Katzer will send the outline to subcommittee for review and any else who might want to participate
- Grant workgroup – Phillip Hines volunteered to participate with Corinna.
- ITA workgroup – Scheduled to meet later this week.
- Annual Report – Chair Bernick will provide to subcommittee members to review. Final draft will be provided at the August meeting just prior to the August 31st deadline.

6. CITIZEN COMMENTS

None

7. CLOSED/OPEN SESSION

Closed Session
Chair Bernick called for motion to convene a closed session at 4:02pm to discuss properties in Voting Districts 2, 2, and 9. Motion made by Maury Hill, seconded by Philip Hines, 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 4:30pm. Motion made by Vice Chair Katzer, seconded by Francis Drumm, and unanimously approved to certify the closed meeting.

8. ADJOURN AND UPCOMING MEETINGS & EVENTS

- a. Next Open Space Advisory Committee Meeting August 26, 2024

There being no further business, the Chair entertained a motion to adjourn the meeting. A motion was made by Maury Hill and seconded by Vice Chair Katzer to adjourn the meeting at 4:45pm.

H.C. Bernick, III

Trina M. Harrell

Clay Bernick, Chair

Trina Harrell, Recorder

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 Michael Kirschman, Parks and Recreation Director
 Frank Fentress, Parks and Recreation, Landscape Services
 Parks and Recreation staff present

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MOTION: Jarrod Katzer

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, Hill, Hines, and Katzer

NAY (list by last name): N/A

ABSENT DURING VOTE: McDowell and Olivieri

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STATEMENT OF MEMBER INDICATING SUBSTANCE OF DEPARTURE: N/A

Trina M. Harrell

Administrative Specialist II

Parks and Recreation Open Space Advisory Committee