



City of Virginia Beach Bayfront Advisory Commission 2022-2023 Annual Report to City Council

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Executive Summary

The Bayfront Advisory Commission volunteers, City Council and staff liaisons have worked to compile the FY23 Annual Report to City Council covering the period of July 1, 2022 – June 30, 2023. In the past fiscal year, the Bayfront Advisory Commission met 11 times.

Mission Statement

The mission of the Bayfront Advisory Commission is to review and make recommendations to the City Council regarding public and private projects and issues associated with the Bayfront area, or projects or issues associated with the Bayfront area that the City Council may refer to the Commission.

Accomplishment of Goals and Objectives

Over the past fiscal year, the agency, through its appointed volunteers and its Liaisons, worked on the following key matters in furtherance of its mission:

1. Received 10 presentations on Planning Commission items, City regulations, volunteer organizations, and environmental issues.
 - a. Voted to support 5 land use applications and 1 Comprehensive Plan amendment.
2. Supported the adoption of the Commercial Area Pattern Book
 - a. Pattern Book supports the attraction of non-residential development while making the Bayfront a more walkable community, and addresses intersection safety through better urban design.
3. Supported sand replenishment and dredging for Bay Beaches
 - a. Sand replenishment at the Bay Beaches was an ongoing project throughout the year and has improved access to a natural asset in the Bayfront for all residents and visitors to Virginia Beach.

Membership and Attendance

Membership Roster, Attendance Record, and Volunteer Hours Attached

Goals and Objectives for the Coming Year

The Commission decided on the following goals and objectives for the coming year:

1. Support and advocate for the funding and timely implementation of Shore Drive Phase III & IV CIP Projects.
 - a. These CIP projects will provide needed safety, infrastructure, and aesthetic improvements along the Shore Drive Corridor, contributing to the desires of the Commission for improved walkability, resiliency, and quality of life for residents.
2. Participate in and drive the update of the Comprehensive Plan and Shore Drive Corridor Plan and Design Guidelines to provide better guidance on land use, density, parking, and design/architecture in the Bayfront Area.
 - a. Updates to the Comprehensive Plan will allow for renewed public input regarding important developments along the Corridor and provide for specific recommendations regarding land use issues in Bayfront Communities.
 - b. The Shore Drive Corridor Plan and Design Guidelines have not been updated since 2000 and 2002, respectively. There is a need to update these plans and guidelines to better align with the current desires of the community and provide more specific guidance on issues affecting the Shore Drive Corridor such as safety, building form and design, public transit, density, and future land uses.
3. Advocate for an improved streetscape along Shore Drive, with a focus on sidewalk connectivity and safety for all users of the corridor (pedestrians, cyclists, vehicles, etc.).
 - a. The current sidewalk network on Shore Drive is disconnected, making it unsafe or impossible for pedestrians to travel the Corridor in anything but a vehicle. Interim safety improvements should be addressed prior to the funding/design/construction of the CIP projects to meet the objectives of the Shore Drive Corridor Plan's objectives to improve safety and protect and enhance the quality of life in residential communities in the corridor.

Recommendations to City Council

The Bayfront Advisory Commission recommends that the Council consider phasing out the Commanding Officer at JEB Little Creek and the First Landing State Park Manager as ex-officio members and adding two new voting members in their place. The Commanding Officer and Park Manager would remain as invited guests to the BAC.

Should you have any questions or require a formal City Council briefing on the work of this team, please feel free to reach out to Philip Davenport, Chair (pdavenport9@cox.net) and Hank Morrison, Staff Liaison (JMorrison@vbgov.com).

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2022 Attendance Record

Name	Term Expires on:							Jul 21st	Aug 18th	Sep 15th	Oct 20th	Nov 17th	Dec 15th	Total Present
Philip Davenport, Chair	6/30/2026							P	P	P	P	P	C	5/5
Bob Magoon, Vice Chair	6/30/2026							P	P	P	P	E	C	4/5
Morgan Ayers	11/30/2025							P	P	P	E	P	C	4/5
Joseph “Joe” Bovee	6/30/2024							E	P	P	P	P	C	4/5
Wallis “Wally” Damon	6/30/2024							P	P	P	P	P	C	5/5
Barry Frankenfield	12/31/2022							A	A	P	A	A	C	1/5
Charles “Chuck” Guthrie	6/30/2024							P	P	P	P	P	C	5/5
William “Bill” Hearst	12/31/2025							E	P	P	P	P	C	4/5
Delceno Miles	12/31/2022							N/A	A	A	P	P	C	2/5
Frank Rabena	6/30/2024							A	P	A	A	A	C	1/5
David Redmond	12/31/2022							A	A	A	A	A		0/5
Stacey Shiflet	6/30/2024							P	P	E	E	P	C	3/5
Martin Thomas	6/30/2024							P	P	E	P	P	C	4/5
Bruce Widener	Ex-Officio							A	A	A	A	A	C	0/5
Capt. Michael Witherspoon	9/30/2023							A	A	A	A	A	C	0/5
Linwood Branch	Ex-Officio							A	A	A	A	A	C	0/5
This row indicates if there was a quorum; total number of members in person/total number of appointed members								7/15	10/16	8/16	8/16	9/16	C	

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City Council Liaisons/Department Staff Liaisons													
Mark Shea, Planning							P	P	N/A	N/A	N/A	C	2
Hank Morrison, Planning								P	P	P	P	C	5
Kay Wilson, City Attorney							P	P	P	P	P	C	5

Key: Present (P) Present/Virtually (P/V) Absent (A) Resigned (R) Excused Absence (E) Cancelled (C)

City Council and Staff Liaisons should be marked either P or P/V, if not in attendance, the block should be blank

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Bob Magoon, Vice Chair	6/30/2026	P	P	P	P	P	P							6/6
Morgan Ayers	11/30/2025	E	P	P	P	P	P							5/6
Joseph “Joe” Bovee	6/30/2024	P	P	P	P	P	P							6/6
John Coston	2/28/2026	N/A	N/A	P	E	P	P							3/6
Holly Cuellar	2/28/2026	N/A	N/A	P	P	E	P							3/6
Wallis “Wally” Damon	6/30/2024	E	P	P	P	P	E							4/6
Charles “Chuck” Guthrie	6/30/2024	P	P	P	P	P	E							5/6
William “Bill” Hearst	12/31/2025	E	P	P	E	P	P							4/6
Frank Rabena	6/30/2024	A	A	A	A	A	A							0/6
Joashua Schulman	12/31/2025	P	P	E	P	P	P							5/6
Stacey Shiflet	6/30/2024	P	P	P	P	E	P							5/6
Christopher Taylor	12/31/2025	P	E	E	E	P	E							2/6
Martin Thomas	6/30/2024	P	P	E	E	P	P							4/6
Bruce Widener, First Landing State Park Mgr	Ex-Officio	A	A	A	A	A	A							0/6
Capt. Michael Witherspoon, CO JEB Little Creek/Fort Story	9/30/2023	A	A	A	A	A	A							0/6
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Hank Morrison, Planning	P	P	P	P	P	P							6
Kay Wilson, City Attorney	P	P	P	P	P	P							6
Jeremy Kline, Public Works					P								1

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2022-2023 Volunteer Hours

Name	Jul 21st, 2022	Aug 18 th , 2022	Sep 15 th , 2022	Oct 20 th , 2022	Nov 17 th , 2022	Dec 15 th , 2022	Jan 19 th , 2023	Feb 16 th , 2023	Mar 16 th , 2023	Apr 20 th , 2023	May 18 th , 2023	Jun 15 th , 2023	Total Time (Hours)
Philip Davenport, Chair	3	2.5	1	1	1	C	2		1	1.5	1.5	2	16.5
Bob Magoon, Vice Chair	3	2.5	1	1		C	2	1.5	1	1.5	1.5	2	17
Morgan Ayers	3	2.5	1		1	C		1.5	1	1.5	1.5	2	15
Joseph “Joe” Bovee		2.5	1	1	1	C	2	1.5	1	1.5	1.5	2	15
Wallis “Wally” Damon	3	2.5	1	1	1	C		1.5	1	1.5	1.5		14
Charles “Chuck” Guthrie	3	2.5	1	1	1	C	2	1.5	1	1.5	1.5		16
William “Bill” Hearst		2.5	1	1	1	C		1.5	1		1.5	2	11.5
Frank Rabena		2.5				C							2.5
Stacey Shiflet	3	2.5			1	C	2	1.5	1	1.5		2	14.5
Martin Thomas	3	2.5		1	1	C	2	1.5			1.5	2	14.5
Bruce Widener						C							0
Capt. Michael Witherspoon						C							0
Linwood Branch						C	N/A	N/A	N/A	N/A	N/A	N/A	0
Delceno Miles	N/A			1	1	C	N/A	N/A	N/A	N/A	N/A	N/A	2
Joashua Schulman	N/A	N/A	N/A	N/A	N/A	C	2	1.5		1.5	1.5	2	8.5
Christopher Taylor	N/A	N/A	N/A	N/A	N/A	C	2				1.5		3.5
Barry Frankenfield			1			C	N/A	N/A	N/A	N/A	N/A	N/A	1

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David Redmond						C	N/A	N/A	N/A	N/A	N/A	N/A	0
John Coston	N/A	N/A	N/A	N/A	N/A	C	N/A	N/A	1		1.5	2	4.5
Holly Cuellar	N/A	N/A	N/A	N/A	N/A	C	N/A	N/A	1	1.5		2	4.5
	Cumulative Total for BAC Volunteer Hours:												160.50