



City of Virginia Beach Historic Preservation Commission 2022 - 2023 Annual Report to City Council

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Executive Summary

The Historic Preservation 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 Historic Preservation Commission met 10 times and participated in one public meeting on historic preservation. They have worked with the Department of Planning and Community Development staff to initiate and complete several projects to recognize the historic character of Virginia Beach and to raise the public's awareness about our historic city.

Mission Statement

PURPOSE The purpose of the Historic Preservation Commission is to advise the City Council and the Departments of Planning and Community Development and Museums on all issues related to the preservation of historic buildings, structures, and sites located in the City of Virginia Beach.

MISSION The mission of the Historic Preservation Commission shall be to preserve, protect and maintain the historic identity of Virginia Beach and the former Princess Anne County through a program of advocacy and increased public awareness and involvement.

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. National Register of Historic Places recognition of historic buildings, structures, and districts
 - a. The Historic Preservation Commission (HPC) and the Department of Planning and Community Development staff seek to recognize the historic nature of Virginia Beach through nominations to the National Register of Historic Places (NRHP). During the FY23 annual period, the following buildings and districts were officially listed in the NRHP:
 - i. L & J Gardens Neighborhood Historic District (August 2022)
 - ii. Blue Marlin Lodge (2411 Pacific Avenue) (October 2022)
 - iii. Crest Kitchenette Motel (Cutty Sark, 3614 Atlantic Avenue) (October 2022)
 - iv. Woodhurst Neighborhood Historic District (March 2023)
 - b. The HPC provided letters of support to the Virginia Department of Historic Resources for these nominations

- c. Listing in the NRHP is honorary and does not impose restrictions or provide protections for an individual property or properties within a historic district
 - d. NRHP recognition instills pride in the community and encourages the preservation of historic buildings and districts. Individual properties listed in the NRHP receive a partial tax exemption for maintaining the historic resource.
 - e. Letters announcing the official listing of these properties in the NRHP are attached
- 2. Determination of eligibility for the listing of historic buildings, structures, and districts in the National Register of Historic Places
 - a. Listing of an individual property or district in the NRHP first requires a determination of eligibility through the completion of a Preliminary Information Form (PIF) and positive review by Virginia Department of Historic Resources staff and the State Review Board. During the FY23 annual period, the following buildings were determined eligible for listing in the NRHP, and the following Multiple Property Document (MPD) was approved for the NRHP:
 - i. Pleasant Ridge School (1392 Princess Anne Road) (September 2022)
 - ii. Beach Carousel Motel (1300 Pacific Avenue) (June 2023)
 - iii. Pocahontas Fowling Club (6216 Pocahontas Club Road) (June 2023)
 - iv. Gunning and Hunt Clubs of Princess Anne County MPD (June 2023)
 - b. The preparation of the NRHP nomination for the Pleasant Ridge School is currently under contract. The other successful FY23 PIF projects are expected to have NRHP nominations initiated in FY24.
- 3. National Register of Historic Places recognition of historic buildings, structures, and districts that are currently in progress:
 - a. The process of determination of eligibility through the listing of property, district, or MPD generally takes at least two years to complete. The following properties and districts were determined eligible for listing in the PIF process prior to FY23 and the preparation of the NRHP nominations for them was underway with significant progress made in FY23:
 - i. Seatack Historic District
 - ii. Newsome Farm Cemetery (Daniel Smith Road and Coffee Court)
 - iii. Chesapeake Beach Historic District
 - b. The two-step process (PIF and nomination), the fiscal cycle of appropriated funding, and the quarterly nature of the Virginia Board of Historic Resources and the State Review Board elongate the process
 - c. These NRHP nominations are anticipated to be completed in FY24
- 4. Support for assessment of historic resources through archaeological investigations
 - a. Completed Phase 1 investigation of the Pleasant Ridge School site, which is recommended eligible for listing in the NRHP
 - b. In partnership with the Virginia Department of Historic Resources, completed Phase 1 investigation of a private site in the Great Neck area, which is recommended eligible for listing in the NRHP. The property owner allowed the investigation prior to initiating construction of their residence.
 - c. Encouraged Parks and Recreation and Public Works to have an archaeological assessment prepared for the site of a kayak launch at the historic Kempsville Canal, which was completed

5. Provided Section 106 reviews for the City of Virginia Beach for various federal undertakings
 - a. Reviewed 16 telecommunications poll/antenna/tower installation projects (FCC)
 - b. Reviewed 3 projects at Fort Story (U.S. Navy)
 - c. Reviewed 2 offshore wind projects (BOEM), including extensive cultural resource surveys, environmental impact statements, and draft mitigation strategies for the Coastal Virginia Offshore Wind (CVOW) project
 - i. Approximately 25 historic resources in Virginia Beach have been determined to have adverse visual effects from the CVOW project
 - ii. HPC chair, along with Planning Department staff, met with Dominion Energy to discuss potential mitigation strategies for CVOW
6. Hosted a Public Meeting to update interested citizens on the City's historic preservation program. This was the HPC's first meeting since 2019 due to COVID.
 - a. Recognized original Historic Preservation Commission members (2008/2009)
 - b. Recognized Preservation Virginia for the Cape Henry Lighthouse historical rehabilitation project to stabilize the sand dune and the lighthouse's base, which was successfully completed in 2019. The project included significant City support. The presentation of the award was delayed from 2020 due to COVID
 - c. Provided presentations on recent NRHP nominations
7. Engaged citizens in supporting historic preservation and learning about Virginia Beach's history through Historic Preservation Month activities
 - a. Reading of Mayor's Proclamation at City Council meeting
 - b. Hosted three Virginia Beach History Trivia Night events at local craft breweries
 - c. The Commission's Student Leaders Committee hosted a "History Hunting" scavenger hunt
8. Engaged Virginia Beach students through participation in its Student Leaders Committee
 - a. City Council-appointed Student Members co-chaired the committee, including planning and running meetings
 - b. Committee members researched and wrote entries about local historic buildings and locations for The Clio app
 - c. Committee members attended a Virginia General Assembly session to advocate for historic preservation and learn about the legislative process. They also attended Preservation Virginia's, Legislative Reception and networked with governmental officials and community activists involved in local preservation
 - d. Committee members planned and implemented a history scavenger hunt for Virginia Beach student in the middle and high school levels
9. Provided six research grants for research papers, historical markers, and immersive videos on historic topics in Virginia Beach
 - a. The Commission awarded \$12,500 in grants in its FY23 grant cycle
10. Completed development and preparation of an updated Historic Preservation Plan for the City's historic preservation program
 - a. Development included public engagement via publicinput.com (over 1,000 participants) and two virtual public meetings
 - b. The Plan builds on the success of the historic preservation program to survey and inventory historic resources, recognize significant buildings and districts, and raise public awareness about historic preservation

Membership and Attendance

Member	Term
Sharon Prescott, Chair	1/1/2022 - 12/31/2024
Christi Lyons, 1 st Vice-Chair	1/1/2023 - 12/31/2025
Glenn Carwell, 2 nd Vice-Chair	12/14/2021 – 12/31/2023
Bobbie Gribble, Secretary	1/1/2023 - 12/31/2025
James B. Wood, Immediate Past President	1/1/2022 – 12/31/2024
Derek DuBay	1/1/2022 – 12/31/2024
Sharon Felton	1/1/2021 - 12/31/2023
Harriet Frenzel	1/1/2023 - 12/31/2025
Richard Klobuchar	2/18/2020 – 12/31/2023
Becky Livas	1/1/2021 – 12/31/2023
Chief Lee Lockamy	1/1/2021 – 12/31/2023
Paul Morrisette	4/18/2023 – 3/31/2026
Timothy Oksman	1/1/2022 – 12/31/2024
Katherine Paulson	1/1/2022 – 12/31/2024
Mac Rawls	1/1/2021 – 12/31/2023
Natalie Hubbard (Student)	9/6/2022 – 9/30/2023
Jenna Morris (Student)	9/6/2022 – 9/30/2023

City of Virginia Beach

Historic Preservation Commission

2022 Attendance Record

Name	Term Expires on:	July 2022	Aug 2022	Sept 07, 2022	Oct 05, 2022	Nov 02, 2022	Dec 07, 2022							Total Present
Carwell, Glenn	12/31/2023	N/A	N/A	P	P	P	P							4/4
DuBay, Derek	12/31/2024	N/A	N/A	P	P	A	P							3/4
Felton, Sharon	12/31/2023	N/A	N/A	P	P	P	E							3/4
Frenzel, Harriet	12/31/2025	N/A	N/A	P	P	P	P							4/4
Gribble Bobbie	12/31/2025	N/A	N/A	E	E	P	P							2/4
Klobuchar, Richard	12/31/2023	N/A	N/A	P	P	P	P							9/10
Lichacz, Ian	11/20/2022	N/A	N/A	E	P	A	N/A							1/3
Livas, Becky	12/31/2023	N/A	N/A	P	P	E	P							3/4
Lockamy, Lee	12/31/2023	N/A	N/A	E	P	P	P							3/4
Lyons, Christi	12/31/2025	N/A	N/A	P	P	P	P							4/4
Oksman, Timothy	12/31/2024	N/A	N/A	P	P	P	E							3/4
Paulson, Katherine	12/31/2024	N/A	N/A	E	P	P	E							2/4
Prescott, Sharon	12/31/2024	N/A	N/A	P	P	P	P							4/4
Rawls, C. Mac	12/31/2023	N/A	N/A	P	E	A	A							1/4

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Wood, James B.	12/31/2024	N/A	N/A	P	P	P	P	P	P	P	P	P	P	4/4
Hubbard, Natalie (student)	9/30/2023	N/A	N/A	P	E	P	P							3/4
Morris, Jenna (student)	9/30/2023	N/A	N/A	P	E	P	P							3/4
This row indicates if there was a quorum; total number of members in person/total number of appointed members				11/15	13/15	11/15	10/14							
City Council Liaisons/Department Staff Liaisons														
Wilson, Rosemary														0
Reed, Mark				P	P	P	P							4

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

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Carwell, Glenn	12/31/2023	P	P	P	P	P	P							6/6
DuBay, Derek	12/31/2024	<i>E</i>	P	P	P	P/V	P							5/6
Felton, Sharon	12/31/2023	P	P	P	P	P	P							6/6
Frenzel, Harriet	12/31/2025	P	<i>E</i>	P	<i>E</i>	P	P							4/6
Gribble Bobbie	12/31/2025	P	P	P	P	P	P							6/6
Klobuchar, Richard	12/31/2023	P	P	P	<i>A</i>	P	P							5/6
Livas, Becky	12/31/2023	P	P	P	P	P	P							6/6
Lockamy, Lee	12/31/2023	P	<i>E</i>	P	P	P	P							5/6
Lyons, Christi	12/31/2025	P	P	P/V	P	P	P							6/6
Morrisette, Paul	3/31/2026	N/A	N/A	N/A	N/A	P	P							2/2
Oksman, Timothy	12/31/2024	P	P	<i>A</i>	<i>A</i>	P	P							4/6
Paulson, Katherine	12/31/2024	P	P	<i>A</i>	P	<i>E</i>	P							4/6
Prescott, Sharon	12/31/2024	P	P	P	P	P	P							6/6
Rawls, C. Mac	12/31/2023	P	P	P	<i>A</i>	P	P							5/6

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Morris, Jenna (student)	9/30/2023	P	P	P	P	E	P							5/6
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City Council Liaisons/Department Staff Liaisons														
Schulman, Joash				P		P								2
Wilson, Rosemary				P										1
Reed, Mark		P	P	P	P	P	P							6

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Volunteer Hours Report:

Historic Preservation Commission Meetings & Activities (July 2022 thru June 2023)													
Name	Jul	Aug	Sept	Oct	Nov	Dec	Jan	Feb	Mar	Apr	May	Jun	Total Time (hours)
Carwell, Glenn		2	1.5	1.75	2.75	1.25	1.25	1.75	4	1.5	3.75	4.5	26
DuBay, Derek			2.5	1.75		1.25		1.75	1.75	1.5	7.75	2	20.25
Felton, Sharon		2	9.25	3.75	1.25	1	16.5	3.5	2.5	2	2.25	2	46
Frenzel, Harriet			2.5	1.75	2.75	1.25	1.25		1.75		1.75	2	15
Gribble Bobbie	2.5	4.75	2.25	2.25	5.25	3.5	3.5	5.5	28	9	5.75	4.5	76.75
Klobuchar, Richard		2	8.5	2.75	1.75	1.25	1.25	1.75	1.75		6.75	2	29.75
Lichacz, Ian				1.75	1.5								3.25
Livas, Becky		2	8.5	1.75	1.5	1.25	1.25	2.75	1.75	1.5	1.75	2	26
Lockamy, Lee				1.75	3.25	1.25	1.25		1.75	1.5	1.75	2	14.5
Lyons, Christi	2.5	4.75	5.5	4	4.75	4.5	18.75	5.25	28.75	4.5	14.75	4.5	102.50
Morrisette, Paul											4.75	2	6.75
Oksman, Timothy	1	2	8.5	1.75	2.75		1.25	2.75			1.75	2	23.75

Paulson, Katherine				1	1.25		2.25	1.75		1.5		1.5	9.25
Prescott, Sharon	2.5	4.75	10.75	3	5.25	3.5	3.5	5.5	28	9	14	4.5	94.25
Rawls, C. Mac		4.75	8.50	1.25			1.25	1.75	1.75		1.75	2	23
Wood, James B.	2.5	4.75	10.75	2.25	2.75	3.5	1.25	1.75	4	4	4.75	4.5	46.75
Hubbard, Natalie (student)			3.25	1	2.75	2.25	16	2.5	1.75	0.5	2.25		36.75
Morris, Jenna (student)			2.75	1	4.75	2.25	2.5	2.5	25	2	4.5	1.5	26.25
Student Leaders Committee			5.25	8	6	6	108	4.5	3	2	20		162.75
Cumulative Total for Historic Preservation Commission Volunteer Hours													789.50

Budget Report

Planning and Community Development Historic Preservation Program FY2022-2023

Non-Personnel Operating Budget - 100.204.1110.605520	Appropriation - \$89,158
Budget Transfers (for Newsome Farm Cemetery projects)	\$27,500
FY23 Budget	\$116,658
Expenditures	
Training for HPC and HRB (CLG Requirement)	\$250.00
Public Meeting	\$1,537.00
Research Grant Program	\$5,832.10
Historic Preservation Month Promotions and Activities	\$3,348.02
Miscellaneous Expenditures	\$794.04
Professional Services	\$64,492.00
<ul style="list-style-type: none">PIFs/Nominations for National Register of Historic Places<ul style="list-style-type: none">Pleasant Ridge SchoolNewsome Farm CemeteryChesapeake BeachBeach Carousel MotelC & P Telephone BuildingSeatack Historic DistrictScientific InvestigationsPreservation Assessments	\$25,000.00
	\$9,552.24
Total Expenditures	\$110,797.40

Goals and Objectives for the Coming Year

- Successfully complete National Register of Historic Places (NRHP) nominations currently underway or that have been determined eligible for listing through the Preliminary Information Form (PIF) process
- Initiate program to update older NRHP nominations from the 1960s and 1970s.
- Initiate one or two recognitions through the PIF process with the goal of achieving additional listings in the NRHP
- Facilitate initiation and planning for the City's VA250 Committee
- Engage citizens in the historic preservation program
 - Host a Public Meeting
 - Plan and implement Historic Preservation Month (May) events
 - Continue to engage students through the Student Leaders Committee
- Work toward completion of preservation activities for the historic Newsome Farm Cemetery
 - NRHP nomination
 - Ground-Penetrating Radar assessment
 - Preservation assessment and Treatment Plan
- Implement dendrochronology projects on one or more historic buildings to assess dates of construction
- Initiate preparation of a historical context for the post-World War II suburban development of Princess Anne County and Virginia Beach.
- Continue support for local history research and documentation initiatives through the Commission's research grant program
- Sponsor interpretive signs to be placed near the historic Princess Anne Courthouse

Recommendations to City Council

The Historic Preservation Commission recommends that the Virginia Beach Historic Preservation Plan be adopted by reference into the Virginia Beach Comprehensive Plan.

Additional Information

- The Virginia Beach Historic Preservation Plan will be presented to the Planning Commission August 9, 2023. The Planning Commission will be requested to recommend approval of adopting the Plan by reference into the Comprehensive Plan on September 13, 2023. A presentation of the Historic Preservation Plan to the City Council will follow.
- The Historic Preservation Commission has coordinated with the Newsome Farm Civic League to raise awareness about the historic nature of the Newsome Farm Cemetery and to recognize its historic significance. Planning staff and Commission members, with support from the Department of Public Works, have assisted with cleanups of the cemetery site in 2022 and 2023. In addition to the National Register of Historic Places nomination that it is sponsoring, the Commission is pursuing ground-penetrative radar to document potential unmarked graves at the site. It is also supporting the development of a preservation assessment and treatment plan for the cemetery to guide future preservation and

maintenance activities. The Commission and the Civic League are engaged in ongoing discussions as we work to achieve the long-term preservation of this historic site.

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 Sharon Prescott, Chair at skprescott@gmail.com or Mark Reed, Historic Preservation Planner at mreed@vbgov.com.



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Re: L&J Gardens Neighborhood Historic District, City of Virginia Beach

Dear Mr. Reed:

I am pleased to inform you that the above-named property is now officially listed in the National Register of Historic Places. The National Park Service (NPS), a division of the U.S. Department of Interior, officially added this property to the National Register on **August 30, 2022**. National Register listing is an honorary designation that recognizes our nation's historic places that are significant, including individual buildings, sites, structures, objects, and historic districts. Additionally, the property was listed in the Virginia Landmarks Register by the Virginia Board of Historic Resources at their meeting on **June 16, 2022**.

I also want to let you know about DHR services and programs that may interest you. To begin, please know that should you have any questions or plans pertaining to historic properties in your jurisdiction, DHR is happy to offer consultation, especially regarding actions that might impact the historic integrity of buildings and structures or belowground archaeological resources. We encourage everyone to learn more about best stewardship practices and our staff stands ready to assist in that capacity.

As the Certified Local Government (CLG) coordinator in your community, you are already aware of DHR's CLG program, which gives local governments a way to participate more formally in the state and national historic preservation programs. We'd like to take this opportunity to remind you that participation in the CLG program entitles your community to access technical assistance from DHR and the National Park Service, to apply for grants for preservation projects, to obtain annual staff training, and to educate your constituents about their community's unique history. Detailed information about the CLG program is available at <http://dhr.virginia.gov/clg/clg.htm>.

Also, you may wish to learn more about Virginia's Rehabilitation Tax Credit (RTC) program, which is administered by DHR. The economic impact of the rehabilitation tax credit program can be important to local economies by stimulating investment in and redevelopment of historic properties, improving real estate, and creating local jobs. Virginia provides a 25 percent tax credit on eligible expenses to property owners who rehabilitate their Register-listed properties according to preservation standards. Moreover, if a National Register-listed historic property is used for income-producing purposes, it may also qualify for a federal RTC offering a 20 percent tax credit on qualified rehabilitation expenses. These credits may be utilized over a number of years. Projects using either state or federal RTCs must comply with *The Secretary of the Interior's Standards for Rehabilitation*. Please contact DHR if you would like to obtain more information about how your community can promote use of the RTC program, or visit our website at http://dhr.virginia.gov/tax_credits/tax_credit.htm.

On behalf of DHR, I extend our congratulations for the listing of this property in the National Register of Historic Places.

Sincerely,


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I also want to let you know about DHR services and programs that may interest you. To begin, please know that should you have any questions or plans pertaining to historic properties in your jurisdiction, DHR is happy to offer consultation, especially regarding actions that might impact the historic integrity of buildings and structures or belowground archaeological resources. We encourage everyone to learn more about best stewardship practices and our staff stands ready to assist in that capacity.

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Also, you may wish to learn more about Virginia's Rehabilitation Tax Credit (RTC) program, which is administered by DHR. The economic impact of the rehabilitation tax credit program can be important to local economies by stimulating investment in and redevelopment of historic properties, improving real estate, and creating local jobs. Virginia provides a 25 percent tax credit on eligible expenses to property owners who rehabilitate their Register-listed properties according to preservation standards. Moreover, if a National Register-listed historic property is used for income-producing purposes, it may also qualify for a federal RTC offering a 20 percent tax credit on qualified rehabilitation expenses. These credits may be utilized over a number of years. Projects using either state or federal RTCs must comply with *The Secretary of the Interior's Standards for Rehabilitation*. Please contact DHR if you would like to obtain more information about how your community can promote use of the RTC program, or visit our website at http://dhr.virginia.gov/tax_credits/tax_credit.htm.

On behalf of DHR, I extend our congratulations for the listing of this property in the National Register of Historic Places.

Sincerely,

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