

Virginia Beach Historic Preservation Commission

April 1, 2026, 5:00 p.m.

Meeting Agenda

Department of Planning and Community Development
Building 3, 2403 Courthouse Drive, Conference Room 110

Officers: Chair, Christi Lyons; First Vice-Chair, Glenn Carwell; Second Vice-Chair, T.J. Morgan; Secretary, Suzanne Camden
Members: Derrick DuBay, Harriet Frenzel, Mary Gentry, Bobbie Gribble, Richard Klobuchar, Becky Livas, Vincent Lyons, Florence Reese, John Settle
Emeritus Member: C. Mac Rawls
Student Members: Grace Curran, Greyson Netter
Council Liaisons: Joash Schulman, Rosemary Wilson
Staff Liaison: Mark Reed

PURPOSE

The purpose of the Commission is to advise the City Council and the Departments of Planning and Community Development and Cultural Affairs 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 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.

- **Welcome/Introductions/Remarks/Announcements** – Christi Lyons, Chair
- **Approval of March 4, 2026 Minutes**
- **Committee Reports**
 - Student Leaders Committee – Greyson Netter, Grace Curran, Christi Lyons
 - March 11 meeting was held at de Witt Cottage
 - April 15 meeting will be held at Francis Land House
- **Historic Preservation Month**
 - May 27 Seaside Cocktail Hour at Doc Taylor’s Seaside Lounge
 - 5:00 – 7:00 p.m.
 - Music - Steve Ambrose – member of Bill Deal’s Original Rhondels
 - Food – Cocktail Party package (details to be determined)
 - Cash Bar
 - HPC to invite guests (request \$20 donation for Cape Henry Lighthouse)
 - Scrolling PowerPoint about HPC and Lighthouse
 - Do you want any additional activities? (ex. – silent auction, glassware sales, etc.)

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- **Project and Program Updates – Mark Reed**
 - CLG Grants
 - FY25 – 3 NRHP Nomination Updates
 - Pleasant Hall and Holland de Witt Cottage approved by NPS
 - Weblin House is on NPS NPS Pending List (March 7)
 - FY26 – 24th Street Life Saving Station NRHP update
 - Research Underway
 - Cost Share Grants
 - FY26 –Context study of post-WWII Developers, Builders, and Real Estate Professionals; survey and historic context of Norfolk 1950s annexed areas
 - Public Information Meeting held March 19 (virtual)
 - Update of 50 Most Historically Significant Houses/Buildings
 - Debra McClane is under contract - Text and Photos only
 - Committee – 1st meeting March 31
 - Cape Henry Lighthouse Restoration
 - City Council appropriated additional \$518,171 March 17
 - Amendment to 2022 Agreement with Preservation Virginia
 - Routing for signatures
 - Next step is to get Authorization to Advertise for Construction
 - Hoping to begin Construction by October 1
 - Civilian access to Cape Henry Lighthouse for civilian visitors has been closed since March 1, 2026 and will be for the foreseeable future
 - Identification Signs for National Register Historic Districts
 - 6 Districts will have 2 signs; 2 Districts will have 1 sign
 - Staff is processing requisition to encumber funds (\$25,000)
 - Staff is working with Zoning to draft Ordinance and take to City Council
- **Old Business**
 - Nimmo Church request to remove Historic and Cultural District zoning overlay
- **New Business**
- **Adjournment**
 - Next Meeting, May 6, 2026, 5:00 p.m.