



City of Virginia Beach

Old Beach Design Review Committee

2024-2025 Annual Report to City Council

Chair: Billy Almond

Date: August 14, 2025

Executive Summary

During the fiscal year covering the period of July 1, 2024 – June 30, 2025, the Old Beach Design Review Committee volunteers and liaisons met five times to discuss matters concerning Old Beach.

Our most significant accomplishments are detailed below, along with recommendations for your consideration.

Mission Statement

The mission of the Old Beach Design Review Committee is to preserve and enhance the historic status of the Old Beach neighborhood as one of the first residential areas within the Oceanfront Resort Area and to encourage appropriate development in Old Beach.

Accomplishment of Goals and Objectives

Over the past fiscal year, the Old Beach Design Review Committee, through its appointed volunteers and its liaisons, worked on the following key matters in furtherance of its mission:

1. Held regular meetings to discuss development trends concerning Old Beach
 - a. Five regular meetings were held.

2. Conducted discussions of the current overlay ordinance and design guidelines to collect information and ideas for future updates to each document.
3. Engaged with the City Attorney’s Office to comprehensively understand the influence of the overlay on the neighborhood and discussed options for future ordinance amendments.
4. Presented community concerns related to development trends of nonconforming lots (ex. 30-foot-wide lots) including density, stormwater drainage, traffic, keeping of neighborhood character, and other land-use related topics to the Planning Director.
5. Appointed two new members to the Committee.

Membership and Attendance

Membership Roster

Member	Position
Almond, Billy	Chair
Maloney, Jeremy	Board Member
Parker, Nancy	Board Member
Jarm, Patty F.	Board Member
Whalen, Rebecca	Board Member
Barnhardt, Ruth P.	Board Member
Remick, Worth	City Council Liaison
Harrington, Laine	Staff Liaison

**City of Virginia Beach
Old Beach Design Review Committee
2024 Attendance Record**

Members Attendance

Name	Term Expires on:	Jul 11th	Aug 8th	Sep 12th	Oct 10th	Nov 14th	Dec 12th	Total Present
Almond, Billy	6/30/2027	C	P	C	C	P	C	2/2
Hinnant-Will, Ellis	6/30/2025	C	A	C	C	R		0/2
Jarm, Patty F.	6/30/2025	C	A	C	C	E	C	0/2
Maloney, Jeremy	6/30/2026	C	P	C	C	P	C	2/2
Parker, Nancy	6/30/2026	C	P	C	C	P	C	2/2
This row indicates if there was a quorum; total number of members in person/total number of appointed members		C	3/5	C	C	3/5	C	

City Council Liaisons/Department Staff Liaisons

Name	Jul 11th	Aug 8th	Sep 12th	Oct 10th	Nov 14th	Dec 12th	Total Present
Council Member Liaison: Worth Remick	C	P	C	C	P	C	2/2
Staff Liaison: Elizabeth Nowak	C	P	C				1/2
Staff Liaison: Garek Hannigan				C	P	C	1/2

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

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2025 Attendance Record**

Members Attendance

Name	Term Expires on:	Jan 9th	Feb 13th	Mar 13th	Apr 10th	May 8th	Jun 12th	Total Present
Almond, Billy	6/30/2027	C	P	C	P	C	P	3/3
Jarm, Patty F.	6/30/2025	C	P	C	P	C	R	2/3
Maloney, Jeremy	6/30/2026	C	P/V	C	A	C	P/V	2/3
Parker, Nancy	6/30/2026	C	P	C	E	C	P	2/3
Whalen, Rebecca	6/30/2028	NA	NA	C	P	C	P	2/3
This row indicates if there was a quorum; total number of members in person/total number of appointed members		C	3/4	C	3/5	C	3/4	

City Council Liaisons/Department Staff Liaisons

Name	Jan 9th	Feb 13th	Mar 13th	Apr 10th	May 8th	Jun 12th	Total Present
Council Member Liaison: Worth Remick	C	P	C	P	C	P	3/3
Staff Liaison: Laine Harrington	C	P	C	P	C	P	3/3

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**City of Virginia Beach
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2024-2025 Volunteer Hours Log**



All Service By Volunteer
City of Virginia Beach, Office of Volunteer Resources
Planning and Community Development

Volunteer	FY 24-25 Hours	Total Hours
Almond, William	5:15	5:15
Jarn, Patty	2:25	2:25
Maloney, Jeremy	4:00	4:00
Parker, Nancy	4:00	4:00
Whalen, Rebecca	2:10	2:10
Grand Total	17:50	17:50

Goals and Objectives for the Coming Year

- Establish an initiative to increase the influence of the design guidelines and promote conscious development in Old Beach.
- Continue to research development patterns of nonconforming lots, including 30 foot wide lots to continue to preserve the character of Old Beach.
- **Continue to coordinate with City offices and departments to assist with project planning in Old Beach.**

Recommendations to City Council

Most recent development in Old Beach has not adhered to the Old Beach Design Guidelines and has not been presented to the committee. The committee is concerned that, should recent trends continue, the character of the area will be irrevocably changed due to the development of nonconforming lots. The committee believes that updating the design guidelines and/or amending the overlay ordinance to include opportunity for discretionary reviews will refocus new development on the historic character of Old Beach and create an opportunity to better incentivize adherence to the design guidelines. The use of a discretionary review would advocate for the utilization of the design guidelines throughout the neighborhood.

The Old Beach Design Review Committee respectfully recommends that City Council support an initiative to establish a higher level of enforcement from the Old Beach Overlay, such as the implementation of a discretionary review requirement and/or updates to the overlay and design guidelines documents.

Closing

Should you have any questions or desire a formal City Council briefing from our agency, please contact Billy Almond, Old Beach Design Review Committee Chair, at billy@wplsite.com or Laine Harrington, Staff Liaison, at lharrington@vbgov.com.