



**CITY OF VIRGINIA BEACH  
OLD BEACH DESIGN REVIEW  
COMMITTEE MEETING  
MINUTES**

Thursday, February 12, 2026  
4:00 P.M.  
Sandbridge Conference Room  
600 22<sup>nd</sup> Street

Members Present

Billy Almond, Chair  
Rebecca Whalen  
Nancy Parker  
Jeremy Maloney  
Ruth Barnhardt (V)

Members Absent

City Council Liaison

Worth Remick (Absent)

City Staff Liaison Present

Laine Harrington

City Staff Present

Diamond Royster  
Hannah Sabo

Public Present

*Robert Fatovic*

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*The meeting was called to order at 4:00 p.m. by Billy Almond.*

Minutes

*Billy Almond asked the members to vote on the minutes from the December 11, 2025 meeting. Rebecca Whalen made a motion to approve the minutes, with a second from Jeremy Maloney. The minutes were approved by a vote of 4 in favor, 0 against.*

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## Staff Update

*There was no staff update.*

## Old Business

The proposed alternative lot layouts were discussed and diagrams were reviewed. The tradeoff between increasing buildable areas to encourage attaching units was presented. The group decided that the most ideal layouts included a 12' side yard setback for a driveway in the side yard or an 8' side yard setback with a recessed parking area. Laine Harrington stated that these building options will not address density concerns, and it won't require developers to come to the committee for design review. Preserving tree canopy is still a concern for the group. The increased building area from the proposed alternative lot layouts would decrease landscaped area on the lot.

The group agreed that visualizing the alternative building types would be easier with a block layout and 3-D representation.

The group discussed the process of engagement with the civic league and how a text amendment gets initiated. Staff explained that the present concerns should be discussed with the civic league, who then can contact a Councilmember to initiate the text amendment. Staff cannot engage in drafting amendments, providing detailed visual representations, or present information to the public unless a text amendment is formally initiated.

Ruth Barnhardt stated it is important to show the Civic League a comparison of what is being built versus what the proposed semidetached houses option would look like.

## New Business

Billy Almond discussed the topic of home preservation and how homeowners can participate in the preservation of lots. Deed restrictions have been used in the North End to encourage homeowners to protect the future development of their properties in the event they choose to sell. Platted parcel research could improve the civic league's involvement and influence.

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*The meeting was adjourned at 5:07 p.m.*