



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

Thursday, March 12, 2026
4:00 P.M.
Sandbridge Conference Room
600 22nd Street

Members Present

Billy Almond, Chair
Nancy Parker
Ruth Barnhardt
Rebecca Whalen

Members Absent

Jeremy Maloney

City Council Liaison

Worth Remick (Absent)

City Staff Liaison Present

Laine Harrington

City Staff Present

Diamond Royster
Brandon Hackney

Public Present

Robert Fatovic

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 February 12, 2026 meeting. Ruth Barnhardt made a motion to approve the minutes, with a second from Nancy Parker. The minutes were approved by a vote of 3 in favor, 0 against.

Staff Update

There was no staff update.

Old Business

Nancy Parker recounted her meeting with Bishard Homes and discussed the physical demonstrations of the semidetached house options. The topic has been brought to the Resort Beach Civic League Board of Directors, and they are interested in seeing how the application of the alternative layouts would work in real life. Green space is a large concern of the group, including the civic league, and pushing the two units together could still create large concrete parking areas in the front yard. The alternative layouts would allow for more lot coverage and less landscaped garden area.

Billy Almond recapped his experience in the North End and how the North End Civic League created their overlay design initiatives. To influence more green space, the North End Civic League pushed through an impervious cover maximum text amendment. The clarification was made that a Councilperson is the one that needs to officially initiate any action for ordinance changes. The North End Civic League's initiatives involved continuous community engagement and presentations. They pursued text amendments with dedicated staff after the Civic League's concerns were brought to a Councilperson, who initiated an official text amendment.

Brandon Hackney explained it's important to identify the concerns and problems with the community now, then allow for collaboration to come up with solutions.

Nancy Parker mentioned the walkability of the Old Beach, and how it is unique in comparison to other beach neighborhoods. Short term rentals were discussed, and if they are affecting home prices in Old Beach. It was clarified that short-term rentals are prohibited in Old Beach unless grandfathered.

New Business

The meeting was adjourned at 5:02 p.m.