

# **Beaches and Waterways Advisory Commission Meeting Minutes**

August 4, 2025, 3:00 pm- 5:00 pm

Municipal Center  
2401 Courthouse Drive  
Building #1, Rooms 1009 & 1010  
Virginia Beach, VA 23456

## **Board Members Present**

Steven “Skip” Gibson, Daniel Murphy, Bob Mandigo, Patrick Clark, Mike Hall, Brianna Nichols, Lance Leshner, Rob Goodman, Connie Agresti, Joe Bourne

## **Board Members Absent**

John Oneal

## **City Staff Present**

Tori Eisenberg – Deputy City Attorney

Toni Utterback – Public Works, City Engineer

Mike Tippin – Public Works, Stormwater Engineering Center Administrator

Skip Gibson called the August 4, 2025, Beaches and Waterways Advisory Commission meeting to order at 3:00 PM.

### **Minutes of July 7, 2025**

The July 7, 2025, Minutes were approved.

**Vote:** 7-0

### **Members voting Aye:**

Steven “Skip” Gibson, Daniel Murphy, Bob Mandigo, Patrick Clark, Mike Hall, Brianna Nichols, Lance Leshner

### **Members Absent:**

John Oneal

### **Members Abstain:**

Rob Goodman, Connie Agresti, Joe Bourne

### **FY25 Annual Report**

The FY25 annual report was approved.

**Vote:** 10-0

### **Members voting Aye:**

Steven “Skip” Gibson, Daniel Murphy, Bob Mandigo, Patrick Clark, Mike Hall, Brianna Nichols, Lance Leshner, Rob Goodman, Connie Agresti, Joe Bourne

### **Members Absent**

John Oneal

## Beach Management Plan Discussion

- Individualized encroachment policies will be created for different beach sections, allowing city officials to make decisions on the spot without council approval.
- The encroachment policy is being developed based on the 2007 city resolution.
- Commission members urged to engage with civic leagues for approval.
- Commission members want to ensure that the affected residents are informed about the public comment process.
- Signage options for public awareness about upcoming changes along the beaches were discussed.
- The commission agrees to follow the city media department's standard practices for public engagement.
- 1900 feet of the beach is private property, complicating management and federal funding.
- The city is considering taking over the management of the private beach to ensure consistency in the Virginia Coastal Storm Risk Management plan.
- Encroachment issues at Bay Lake Beach need to be addressed.
- There was a discussion on the need for innovative solutions to improve beach aesthetics and functionality.
- The beach management plan is expected to be between 62 and 74 pages, depending on content adjustments.
- The next draft of the Beach Management Plan is recommended to be more technical and resemble a final copy.
- The city to work with Communications to ensure beach management plan looks like a professional document and meets city standards.

The meeting adjourned at 3:53 PM.