

# Beaches and Waterways Advisory Commission Meeting Minutes

July 7, 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

## **Board Members Absent**

John Oneal, Rob Goodman, Connie Agresti, Joe Bourne

## **City Staff Present**

Tori Eisenberg – Deputy City Attorney

Toni Utterback – Public Works, City Engineer

D’Juan Tucker – Public Works Admin

Mike Tippin – Public Works, Stormwater Engineering Center Administrator

Frank Hickman- Public Works Operations

Mitch St. Clair – Public Works Operations, Assistant Superintendent

Kevin Kemp- Planning and Community Development, Zoning Administrator

Skip Gibson called the July 7, 2025, Beaches and Waterways Advisory Commission meeting to order at 3:00 PM.

### **Minutes of June 2, 2025**

The June 2, 2025, Minutes were approved.

**Vote:** 6-0

### **Members voting Aye:**

Steven "Skip" Gibson, Daniel Murphy, Bob Mandigo, Patrick Clark, Mike Hall, Brianna Nichols

### **Members Absent:**

John Oneal, Rob Goodman, Connie Agresti, Joe Bourne

### **Members Abstain:**

Lance Leshner ( Absent previous meeting)

### Beach Management Plan Discussion

- Format and consistency were highlighted.
- The necessity of including parking was discussed.
- Each individual section must address encroachment policy requirements.
- The group was reminded of the tight deadline for finalizing the Beach Management Plan.
- Two members were tasked with reviewing the encroachment policies of all the beach areas.

### Beach Operations and Maintenance

- The different beaches were outlined including the amount of mileage for each beach.
- The maintenance objectives focus on safety, accessibility and cleanliness.
- Specific operation activities include beach grading, escarpment removal, and trash can placement.
- Staffing has always been one of the biggest issues within the operations department.
- Walkways can be difficult to manage as plant growth can overtake them, leading to maintenance issues.
- The base of all dunes remains high enough to prevent sea surge.
- During peak season, every trash can is checked daily.

## Houseboat Ordinance proposal

- Community interest in houseboats has prompted the need for an ordinance.
- The proposed ordinance seeks to permit houseboats in commercial marinas.
- A clear definition of houseboats needs to be in the ordinance.
- A need for conditional use permits approved by city council was discussed.
- Key requirements include limiting houseboats to 15% of marina slips, ensuring operability while moored, and maintaining up-to-date registration.
- The proposal aims to address safety, waste management, and parking concerns associated with houseboats.

## Coastal Storm Risk Management

- Addresses potential damages from coastal storms and sea level rise.
- The project focuses on structural, non-structural, and nature-based measures to enhance resilience.
- Key milestones include a tentatively selected plan expected in spring 2026 and a signed chief report in spring of 2028.
- Some flood protection measures include barriers, gates, and dune strengthening.

The meeting adjourned at 4:54 PM.