

Beaches and Waterways Advisory Commission Meeting Minutes

October 6, 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, Connie Agresti, Brianna Nichols, Bob Mandigo, Rob Goodman, Joe Bourne, Michael Hall, Patrick Clark

Board Members Absent

John Oneal, Daniel Murphy, Lance Leshner

City Staff Present

Tori Eisenberg – Deputy City Attorney

Toni Utterback – Public Works, City Engineer

Jim White – Public Works, Coastal Program Administrator

Skip Gibson called the October 6, 2025, Beaches and Waterways Advisory Commission meeting to order at 3:00 PM.

Minutes of August 4, 2025

The August 4, 2025, Minutes were approved.

Vote: 8-0

Members voting Aye:

Steven “Skip” Gibson, Connie Agresti, Brianna Nichols, Bob Mandigo, Rob Goodman, Joe Bourne, Michael Hall, Patrick Clark

Members Absent:

John Oneal, Daniel Murphy

Meeting Summary

Meeting minutes from the previous meeting were approved and there was the introduction of a new student member (non-voting) to the commission. The discussion of a study group for wayfarer markers was discussed. The meeting focused on several key areas regarding the Beach Management Plan. Discussions emphasized the need for document review and standardization, addressing errors, and improving formatting before submission to City Council. The commission also discussed the encroachment policy, its implications for civic leagues, and the necessity for flexibility in property use.

- Connie Agresti and Rob Goodman volunteered for the study group and another member is encouraged to join.
- Commission will standardize terminology used in the document to ensure consistency.
- City will get a consultant to assist with editing and formatting the document.
- Council Liaisons will be invited to review the document at a later meeting.
- Commission to reduce the size of the document and improve formatting within 30 to 45 days.
- Commission will create a list of acronyms to streamline the document and help reduce length.
- The first Beach Management Plan was created in 1993, and the second in 2002, with the current document building on these reports.
- The commission agrees that the encroachment decisions should be made at the elected level, not by city staff.
- The encroachment policy is being built off the 2007 city resolution and will include specific policies in each beach area.
- Addressing parking and encroachment issues was discussed.
- Concerns were raised about unauthorized no parking signs and driveway expansions blocking public access.
- There will be a public comment period for citizens to give feedback on the Beach Management Plan.

The meeting adjourned at 4:31 PM.