



MISSION

The Virginia Beach Clean Community Commission (VBCCC) exists to promote a cleaner, more beautiful City and to ensure our community's environmental vitality. The VBCCC is a City Council-appointed body and serves as an advisory commission to City Council.

2023 MEETING MINUTES



VIRGINIA BEACH CLEAN COMMUNITY COMMISSION January Meeting Minutes

2154 LANDSTOWN RD THURSDAY, JANUARY 12, 2023, 6:30 PM-8:30 PM

| | <u>Present</u> | <u>Absent*</u> |
|------------------------------|---|----------------------|
| Commissioners | Edna Baehre-Kolovani (Chair) Lon Carpenter (Vice Chair) Karlaa Gregory (Secretary) Maury Hill Scott Kellam Dianna McDowell Anne Mannarino Terry Stevens Sandra Shinabarger Sanae Lindsay (Student) Mariella Muniz (Student) | |
| City Council Liaison | | N.D. "Rocky" Holcomb |
| City Staff | Kristi Rines (Staff Liaison, Waste Management) Mike Moore (Parks & Recreation) Amy Woodson (Parks & Recreation) | |
| Members of the Public | Kate Rotolo, Student Visitor | |

- The business meeting of the Virginia Beach Clean Community Commission was held in person and called to order on January 12, 2023, at 6:36PM by Chair, Edna Baehre-Kolovani.
- Secretary Karlaa Gregory took attendance, and quorum was established.
- The presented agenda was adopted by unanimous consent.
- Chair, Edna Baehre-Kolovani presented the November Meeting Minutes.
- The November Minutes were adopted as presented with corrections by unanimous consent.

New Business

1) Discussion of Open Forum | Kristi Rines, VBCCC Staff Liaison, Waste Management

Ms. Kristi Rines went over the protocol of an open forum. This Commission has a “Open Forum” type section in the agenda during the “Reports” section. This is where each chair can have the floor to ask questions, bring up ideas and more. However, if the discussion seems to need more time, according to the Bylaws the Chair may propose that the topic become a section under Old or New Business during the next meeting. The Chair, Ms. Edna Baehre-Kolovani noted that as the Commission Chair, she can adjust the agenda as needed.

2) Boards and Commission Policy Review | Kristi Rines

Ms. Rines gave an overview of the Bylaws, Administrative Directives, and the new CCBC Recommendations policy. She urged the Commission to read over these documents and email her and questions we have. The questions and documents will be answered and discussed at the March 2023 meeting.

3) Zero Waste Month | Kristi Rines

Ms. Rines reviewed what topics will be highlighted on social media during Zero Waste Month such as:

- 1. *Composting/Education***
- 2. *Plastic Free***
- 3. *Skip the Straw***
- 4. *Go Glass***
- 5. *Donation***

She asked for any and all ideas to help support this campaign. 2023 also marks the 60th anniversary of City’s incorporation. Waste Management will celebrate the occasion with specialty reusable totes at the West Neck Recycling Center. Since this anniversary takes place during Zero Waste Month, this could be a great opportunity to promote Zero Waste.

It was suggested that Commissioners reach out to local stores and pass out these bags to local shoppers as well.

4) Volunteer Recruitment | Kristi Rines

Ms. Rines brought up that each event that this Commission and Waste Management holds—needs volunteers. She asked each Commissioner for recruitment ideas to keep volunteers on hand who are very engaged and interested in the cause.

5) Zero Waste Resolution | Terry Stevens, Commissioner

Ms. Terry Stevens sent out the resolution for review, edits and suggestions before submitting to the Commission’s Council Liaison to present.

VBCCC Chair, Edna Baehre-Kolovani made a Motion to submit the Zero Waste Resolution as presented with corrections to VBCCC Liaison, N.D. “Rocky” Holcomb.

The motion carried unanimously with no debate or discussion.

6) VBCCC Speaker Commission | Kristi Rines & Edna Baehre-Kolovani, VBCCC Chair

Ms. Rines & Ms. Edna Baehre-Kolovani discussed a proposed VBCCC initiative for sending Commissioners into the community to do outreach and present to local groups and clubs. Commissioners, Ms. Terry Stevens and Ms. Dianna McDowell volunteered to join this subcommittee. The guest student Kate Rotolo also volunteered to be part of the subcommittee. Ms. Baehre-Kolovani tasked the subcommittee to research topics and potential groups and present their findings before the end of the school year, and if adopted by the Commission, to be implemented in the Fall.

Old Business

1) Cleanup Update | Mike Moore, Parks & Recreation

Mr. Mike Moore went over the potential site for this year's Great American Cleanup-- Wesley Drive (near Potter's Road.) He showed us photos of the site and an estimate of what types of litter was present like bikes, a boat, oxygen tanks and other debris and litter. This location does have a "homeless camp" within it. The individuals who are residing there were given information about the resources available to them from the local VB Housing Resource Center located at Witchduck Road.

After surveying this location, Ms. Rines explained that the City of Virginia Beach has plans to possibly contract a company to handle removing biohazardous materials and others major items that volunteers are not equipped to handle. Also, the individuals who reside in the location have to be removed by police for the project to continue.

This site is not finalized for the Great American Cleanup and if/when it is, it will not be highly publicized. Proceeding with the cleanup depends on the other materials being removed first so that volunteers can safely enter the site. The City and City Council are aware that this is a big problem.

Commissioner & Staff Reports

1) Parks & Rec Events and Programs | Mike Moore

Mr. Moore confirmed that Tidewater Search and Rescue will assist with the Great American Cleanup and International Coastal Cleanup.

2) VBCCC Individual Commissioner's Reports

Dianna McDowell

Dianna informed the Commission that her students are looking towards putting

another bill forward regarding tax incentives for stores and restaurants that donate food to those in needs. Her students will also be attending Earth Day activities.

Anne Mannarino

Anne informed the Commission that she did a local clean up.

Sandra Shinabarger

Sandra expressed her dismay, according to reliable sources that she heard that the military is allowed to dump litter 12 miles away from the coast and wonders how this can be stopped. Dianne McDowell suggested making contact with the environmental officer of the Navy to bring awareness to the situation.

Terry Stevens

Terry shared news about the following bills presented in the Virginia Senate by Sen. John Edwards, D-Roanoke:

- SB 933 would allow localities to prohibit the purchase, sale or distribution of single-use, non-recyclable plastic bags from grocery stores, retail stores and convenience stores.
- SB 1012 would prohibit state agencies from purchasing, selling or distributing single-use plastic bags, cutlery, straws, water bottles, or plastic foam products.

VBCCC Individual Commissioner's Reports (continued)

Edna Baehre-Kolovani, Chair

Edna asked what happened to the legislation about the five-cent fee/tax on single-use plastic bags in Virginia Beach. (The proposal was tabled indefinitely.)

She also took the time to explain the relationship between the VBCCC and the VB Clean Foundation/VB Clean Volunteers. She and Vice Chair Lon Carpenter have had talks with this environmentally focused group to see how the VBCCC and the VB Clean Volunteers may collaborate strategically again.

Maury Hill

Maury informed the Commission of a cleanup this weekend by Lynnhaven River NOW.

Commission Reminders

- a. *America Recycles Day – November 15, Tour at TFC Recycling*
- b. *2023 Events*
 - i. *Great American Cleanup – March 25. Location: TBD*
 - ii. *Earth Day Celebration – April 22, 9am-1pm @ Mount Trashmore*
 - iii. *Earth Day Recycle Zone – April 29, 9am-1pm @ Landstown H.S*

- iv. Litter Index – May/June (date/time TBD)*
- v. VBCCC Election - May 2023 for Chair, Vice Chair, Secretary*
- vi. Clean The Bay Date: June 3*
- vii. International Coastal Cleanup: September 23*
- c. VBCCC Meetings are every other month, on 2nd Thursday
2023: March 9, May 11, July 13, September 14, November 9

Adjournment 8:09 PM



VIRGINIA BEACH CLEAN COMMUNITY COMMISSION March Meeting Minutes

2154 LANDSTOWN RD THURSDAY, MARCH 9, 2023, 6:30 PM-8:30 PM

| | <u>Present</u> | <u>Absent*</u> |
|------------------------------|--|------------------------|
| Commissioners | Edna Baehre-Kolovani (Chair) Lon Carpenter (Vice Chair) Karlaa Gregory (Secretary) Maury Hill Dianna McDowell Anne Mannarino Terry Stevens Sandra Shinabarger Sanae Lindsay (Student) Kate Rotolo (Student) | Scott Kellam (Excused) |
| City Council Liaison | N.D. "Rocky" Holcomb | |
| City Staff | Kristi Rines (Staff Liaison, Waste Management) Mike Moore (Parks & Recreation) | |
| Members of the Public | None | |

- The business meeting of the Virginia Beach Clean Community Commission was held in person and called to order on March 9, 2023, at 6:39PM by Chair, Edna Baehre-Kolovani.
- Secretary Karlaa Gregory took attendance, and quorum was established.
- The presented agenda was adopted by unanimous consent.
- Chair, Edna Baehre-Kolovani presented the January Meeting Minutes.
- The January Minutes were adopted as presented with corrections by unanimous consent.

New Business

1) Compost Initiative | Commissioner Dianna McDowell for Natalia De Los Rios

Commissioner Dianna McDowell asked for this report to be tabled until the next VBCCC meeting due to, Ms. Natalia De Los Rios absence.

2) Subcommittee Report | Commissioners Terry Stevens & Dianna McDowell

Commissioner Terry Stevens reviewed the notes from the Subcommittee's past meeting. She informed us that Kate and Dianna will work on an educational speaker series based on a variety of topics. This information will be created by fellow students and perhaps as YouTube videos or short presentations. Topics to explore may include recycling, sustainability, green energy, composting, highlighting Adopt a Spot, how to volunteer with the VBCCC on clean-ups, etc. The goal is for this information to be shareable with civic leagues and other civic groups. Terry is also working on a document regarding a VBCCC Seal of Approval for businesses and research city laws around littering/dumping.

Commissioner Dianna McDowell and student Kate Rotolo and will also work with other students on creating a short curriculum that may be SOL based on the environment/recycling/clean communities that will be geared toward 5th-6th grade students as a science lesson. Also, they will research possible student speakers to come speak to VBCCC at each meeting and share their innovative projects that are helping the environment, etc.

3) Debra L. Elam Award | Kristi Rines, Staff Liaison, Waste Management

Ms. Rines informed the VBCCC of Debra L. Elam Award for Outstanding Youth Volunteer and to be sure to send any nominations by March 17th.

4) Commissions Elections | Kristi Rines, Waste Management

Ms. Rines brought up that the VBCCC will be holding elections in May for Commission Chair, Vice Chair and Secretary.

Old Business

1) Zero Waste Resolution Month Update | Kristi Rines, Waste Management

Ms. Rines informed that Com that Terry sent the proposal for this month to be held in for Sept to Holcomb. Waste Management has been sharing more content on Zero Waste ideas and she said that the content has had good engagement.

2) Great American Cleanup Update | Mike Moore, Parks & Recreation

Mike Moore, Parks & Recreation Staff, spoke on the 2023 Great American Cleanup and shared this year's flyer. The Cleanup will be on Saturday, March 25 from 8AM-Noon at Marshview Park. Kristi and Mike have already visited the site and let the Commission know that this is a mountain bike trail and creek that has a lot of litter.

3) Earth Day Update | Mike Moore, Parks & Recreation

Mike discussed with the Commission that Earth Day will be on April 22 at Mt. Trashmore. Exhibitor forms are on the website and has been sent out. Media releases are also going out to promote the event. The Recycle Zone has been moved to Larkspur Middle School on April 29.

It was moved from Mt. Trashmore to Larkspur due to the Celebrating Children event happening at the same time. Mike and Kristi have also created a Roles and Responsibility sign-up sheet for VBCCC Commissioners to use and register for different times and tasks.

Commissioner & Staff Reports

1) Waste Management & Recycling | Kristi Rines

Kristi now has a new employee and will introduce her at another time. She also wanted to double-check to see if anyone else was interested in the Virginia Green Travel Conference.

2) Parks & Rec Events and Programs | Mike Moore

Mike let the VBCCC know that Clean the Bay Day Zone Captain forms and information went out at 7:15PM.

3) VBCCC Individual Commissioner's Reports

Lon Carpenter

Mr. Carpenter spoke to the discussion he and Ms. Kolovani have had with VB Clean Foundation. He appreciated the support that the foundation has offered to VBCCC and is interested to bring their ideas to the Commission so that we can fulfill all tenets of our goals and not just be volunteers for cleanups. The Newport News Clean Community Task Force (the Newport News version of the VBCCC) has developed an orientation program for new members to its task force. They have shared the content with Mr. Carpenter who will work to adapt it for VBCCC orientations.

Anne Mannarino

Anne informed the Commission that she did a local clean up and distributed totes at grocery stores.

Sandra Shinabarger

Sandra spoke that school districts are using Styrofoam lunch trays (not zero waste friendly)

Terry Stevens

Terry shared news about an upcoming North Landing River & Albemarle Sound Estuarine Symposium on March 31 at the VB Convention Center from 9am-4pm.

Edna Baehre-Kolovani, Chair

Edna asked the VBCCC to help find another Commissioner to serve.

Dianna McDowell

Her students spoke about preventing food waste and there is a citywide Surfriders competition. VBPS has also created a VB Service Club and the student commissioners will be leading classes to local 4th graders on the environment.

Commission Reminders

a. 2023 Events

- i. Great American Cleanup – March 25. Location: Marshview Park*
- ii. Earth Day Celebration – April 22, 9am-1pm @ Mount Trashmore*
- iii. Earth Day Recycle Zone – April 29, 9am-1pm @ Larkspur MS*
- iv. Litter Index – May/June (date/time TBD)*
- v. VBCCC Election - May 2023 for Chair, Vice Chair, Secretary*

b. VBCCC Meetings are every other month, on 2nd Thursday

2023: May 11, July 13, September 14, November 9

Adjournment 8:06 PM



VIRGINIA BEACH CLEAN COMMUNITY COMMISSION

MEETING MINUTES

2154 LANDSTOWN RD THURSDAY, JULY 13 6:30 PM-8:30 PM

| | <u>Present</u> | <u>Absent*</u> |
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| Commissioners | Edna Baehre-Kolovani Lon Carpenter Maury Hill Scott Kellam Anne Mannarino Terry Stevens (virtual) Sandra Shinabarger | Karlaa Gregory (Excused) Dianna McDowell (Unex) Sanae Lindsay (Student) Kate Rotolo (Student) |
| City Council Liaison | N.D. "Rocky" Holcomb | |
| City Staff | Kristi Rines (Staff Liaison, Waste Management) Amy Woodson (Parks & Recreation) Colin Jesse ((Parks & Recreation) Mike Parkman (Parks & Recreation) Monique Davis (Waste Management) | |
| Members of the Public | Tom and Mark Saulnier | |

Election: As a result of the May 11, 2023, meeting having been canceled, election of the Chair, Vice Chair, and Secretary was the first order of business. Staff liaison, Kristi Rines, distributed ballots to all Commissioners present. Using the single transferable voting method Commissioners selected from a list of three nominees their choices for Chair, Vice Chair, and Secretary. Calculation of votes was performed by Kristi Rines, Amy Woodson, with Mike Parkman certifying the results.

Kristi Rines announced and congratulated the following: Maury Hill as Chair, Terry Stevens as Vice Chair, and Karlaa Gregory as Secretary.

1. **Welcome/Call to Order:** Chair, Maury Hill called to order the meeting of the Virginia Beach Clean Community Commission (VBCCC) on Thursday, July 13, 2023, at 7:10 p.m. Introduction of City staff, Councilmember Holcomb, and welcoming two guests to the commission meeting. Vice Chair Terry Stevens participated virtually due to a situation out of her control.
2. **Minutes:** Secretary Karlaa Gregory had distributed draft Minutes of the March 9, 2023, VBCCC meeting to the Commissioners via email for review in advance of the meeting. Upon motion by the Chair the Minutes were approved by unanimous consent, subject to correction of noted content errors.

3. New Business

- a. **Brochure and Promotional Materials.** Ms. Baehre-Kolovani provided the Commission information on the background of the non-profit, VB Clean Community Volunteers, Inc. A 501c3 formed of former VBCCC members works to promote similar initiatives as the VBCCC. Ms. Baehre-Kolovani requested that the Staff Liaison provide the VBCCC with giveaways and an updated brochure for use at upcoming events. Vice Chair, Terry Stevens requested that city staff explore opportunities for giveaways that are made in the U.S.A. Acknowledgement of these request came from staff liaison with discussion on the city's procurement process as it relates to the purchasing of items. Motion to approve the request for pricing for promotional materials and brochure approved by unanimous consent.
- b. **Annual Report.** Staff Liaison, Kristi Rines, provided the commission with an update to the Keep America Beautiful and DEQ Reporting.
- c. **Community Cleanup Opportunities.** Colin Jesse provided the commission with information on the International Coastal Cleanup. Scheduled for September 16, 2023, from 9:00 a.m. to 12:00 p.m. at 24th Street Park. Signup information posted online.
- d. **America Recycles Day.** Staff Liaison suggested a tour of the City's Landfill and Resource Recovery Center for America Recycles Day in November. Liaison to schedule date/time.

4. Old Business

- a. **Earth Day Reports.** Amy Woodson reported that the Earth Day (April 22) event was a successful event. Attendance was estimated at 2500. Recycle Zone (April 29) saw 129 cars and 15 volunteers to assist in the HHW and document shredding.
- b. **Great American Cleanup Update.** The March 25, 2023, cleanup of Marshview Park saw 49 volunteers remove 15.6 tons, in 4 hours, from the park. Value of volunteer's time to the city was \$5870.
- c. **Resolution/Zero Waste Awareness Week.** Vice Chair Terry Stevens had presented the Councilmember Holcomb with the resolution. Councilmember Holcomb acknowledged receipt and would work to include the resolution at an upcoming Council meeting.

5. Reports

a. Staff Reports

- i. **Waste Management & Recycling.** Kristi Rines spoke to the delays for yard waste collections experienced by driver shortages. The city's recycling contract ends June 2024. Based on Council recommendations, Communications will begin seeking public input for how citizens would like to move forward with recycling.
- ii. **Parks & Rec Events & Programs.** Mike Parkman and Colin Jesse will be the Parks & Rec Liaisons for the Commission. Amy Woodson will provide background support for the VBCCC events.

b. VBCCC Individual Commissioner's Reports.

- Anne Mannarino will be participating in the Watershed Workshop.
- Sandra Shinabarger suggested changing the VBCCC's meeting date so that the Commission could attend Surfrider's Meetings.
- No other reports

Adjournment 8:12 PM

VBCCC Meeting July 2023: Background for Promo Resolutions

1. In 2012 three former commissioners established a charitable non-stock, 501.C.3. corporation through the Virginia State Corporation Commission, called The VB Clean Community Volunteers. Its name was later changed to VB Clean Volunteers or short (VB Clean). The foundation was established to support the mission of the VBCCC. In 2019 the foundation broadened its mission to “create a positive impact on our local environment by working with area businesses, educators, community leaders, and neighbors for a cleaner, more beautiful Virginia Beach”.
2. The Commissioners also managed several programs under the auspices of the Commission, such as the Helping Hands program (a program to help senior citizens maintain their yards), and a Storm Drain Marker program.
3. The foundation and these two programs were offered through the VBCCC, namely the foundation’s assets were used for purchasing promo and give away items, and to pay for volunteer celebrations and gifts to the volunteers. They were also used to buy equipment and materials to support the two programs mentioned.
4. About that same time an audit found that these activities were outside of the scope of the Commission’s function and purpose, especially as a city council appointed entity.
5. Through a Memorandum of Understanding (MOU) between the City and VB Clean, the city allows for storage of the non-profit’s items in two sheds which are located at 3024 Holland Road. The MOU expires September 2023.
6. Over these years the foundation has given out small grants to other similar mission minded organizations in the region, as well as small Youth Grants to various schools in Virginia Beach and Newport News.
7. Each year they have also donated the promo and give away items with the VBCCC logo, and the educational games for our events. They have also provided educational materials for education efforts by Commissioners. In addition, they have loaned us tablecloths and banners and the education games for our events, all with the VBCCC logo.
8. When Anne Mannarino and I met with one of the principal partners in April to pick up materials for Earth Day it became clear that the supply with the VBCCC logo was almost exhausted. The vinyl banners need to be replaced since one has outdated information on them, the other is not in good condition. There are probably 2 dozen shirts left. They also have a few dozen high end water bottles left which they apparently used to give to commissioners at the volunteer appreciation events.
Since they all contain the VBCCC logo I am hoping that the foundation will ultimately donate them to the city, but that is up them and the city.
9. The give aways are really appreciated by the public, especially the items which are made from recycled materials, such as pens made from newspaper (we gave out the last ones at Earth Day this year), or this pen made from recycled Pepsi cans.
Hence the need to be prepared for next year’s earth day with a new inventory of items.
10. The 2015 VBCCC promo brochure has not been used to promote the Commission. In addition, the programs listed in the brochure are no longer offered through the Commission, and the email address is incorrect. The brochure makes no mention of the mission of the Commission and that it is a City Council appointed body.
11. There has been no brochure to promote the VBCCC especially after the three commissioners’ terms were up in 2018. You will recall that in March I requested that we have a new brochure ready for Earth Day. The brochure that I am circulating is the draft of a brochure which Kristi came up with. It does contain accurate information but is not very professional looking. Hence the need for a new brochure to promote the VBCCC and its mission.



VIRGINIA BEACH CLEAN COMMUNITY COMMISSION September Meeting Minutes

2154 LANDSTOWN RD THURSDAY, SEPTEMBER 14, 2023, 6:30 PM-8:30 PM

| | <u>Present</u> | <u>Absent*</u> |
|------------------------------|--|--|
| Commissioners | Maury Hill (Chair) Karlaa Gregory (Secretary) Dianna McDowell Sandra Shinabarger Brycen Dildy (Student) | Excused Lon Carpenter Anne Mannarino Not Excused Terry Stevens (Vice Chair) Edna Baehre-Kolovani Scott Kellam Kate Rotolo (Student) |
| City Council Liaison | N.D. "Rocky" Holcomb | |
| City Staff | Kristi Rines (Staff Liaison, Waste Management) Colin Jesse (Parks & Recreation) Monique Davis (Waste Management) | |
| Members of the Public | Tracy Holcomb Molly Jones Lexi Bradshaw | |

- The business meeting of the Virginia Beach Clean Community Commission was held in person and called to order on Thursday, September 14, 2023, at 6:36PM by Chair, Maury Hill
- The Chair took attendance, and **quorum was not established**.
- The presented agenda was adopted by unanimous consent.
- The July Meeting Minutes were not adopted due to lack of quorum.

New Business

1) Student Showcase | Guests Molly Jones and Lexi Bradshaw

Miss Molly Jones and Miss Lexi Bradshaw gave the VBCCC an overview of their 2022-2023 activities which included local Save the Bay Day. T-Shirt Bag Day with LRNow and others events.

2) Introduction of Climate Kits | Commission Chair, Maury Hill

Commission Chair Maury Hill tabled this topic until the November VBCCC Meeting.

3) Climate Kit Assemblage | Staff Liaison, Kristi Rines for Commission Chair, Maury Hill

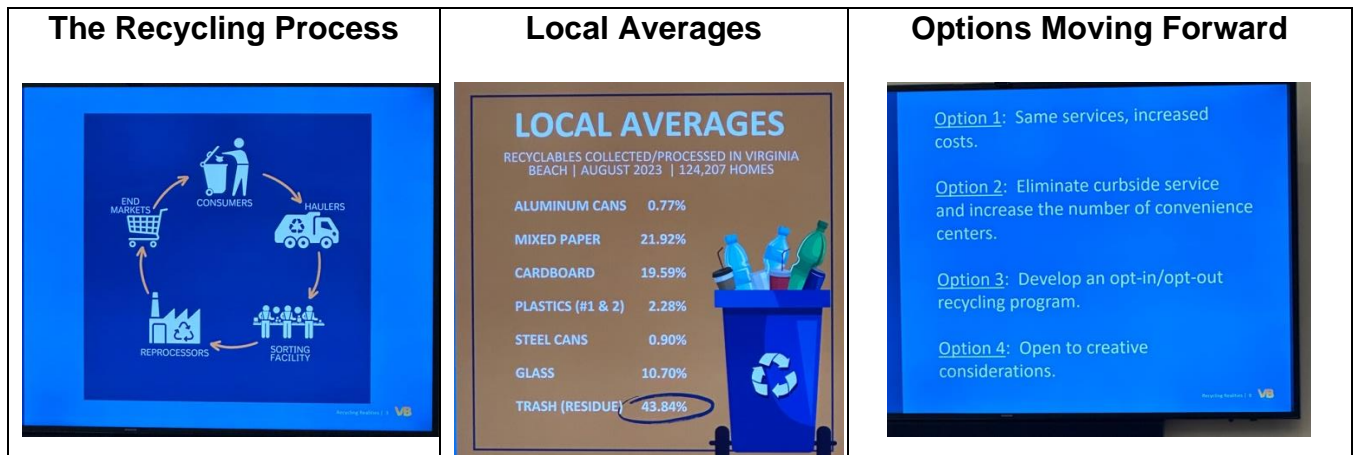
Commission Chair Maury Hill tabled this topic until the November VBCCC Meeting.

4) Litter Letter Request & Advisement | Staff Liaison, Kristi Rines

Staff Liaison, Kristi Rines spoke briefly on this topic about how Commissioner can and cannot address local government entities such as local libraries regarding the amount of litter on their properties. Commission Chair Maury Hill tabled the remainder of this conversation until the November VBCCC Meeting.

5) #SpeakUpVB | Staff Liaison, Kristi Rines

Staff Liaison, Kristi Rines spoke on the City's current Recycling Program and its challenges. She also informed the Commission that the current contract expires on June 30, 2024. The future on VB Recycling focuses on sustainability and the City has been reviewing other contracts/bids for a Recycling Hauling Companies. There is currently a campaign to gather public opinions on the next steps.



6) Complimenting the City Survey | Commissioner Lon Carpenter

Commissioner Lon Carpenter was absent— Staff Liaison, Kristi Rines presented on the topic.



The Survey is open to the public from October 2-November 17

Old Business

1) **Parks & Environmental Joint Meeting | Commission Chair, Maury Hill**

Commission Chair, Maury Hill spoke on the Parks & Environmental Joint Meeting and how it was a good and productive meeting.

2) **Zero Waste Week Update | Commission Chair, Maury Hill**

Commission Chair, Maury Hill thanked Commissioner, Terry Stevens (absent) and City Council Liaison N.D. "Rocky" Holcomb for leading the charge on the Zero Waste Resolution Week. On Saturday, Sept. 2, 2023, from 9:30-11:30 a.m., the VBCCC gave away free reusable bags outside the Goodwill store located at 1949 Lynnhaven Parkway. Zero Waste Awareness Week concluded on Saturday, Sept. 9, with Lynnhaven River NOW's International Coastal Cleanup event.

3) **FY 2022 VBCC Annual Report | Staff Liaison, Kristi Rines**

The VBCCC FY 2022 Annual Report was presented by Staff Liaison, Kristi Rines.

The document contains:

- The Commission's Mission Statement
- 2022-2023 Accomplishments
- Goals and Objectives
- Membership & Attendance
- Volunteer Hours
- Recommendations to City Council

The FY 2022 Annual Report can be found on the City of Virginia Beach's website.

4) **Update on Promotional/Educational Items | Staff Liaison, Kristi Rines**

Staff Liaison, Kristi Rines informed the Commission that they have a \$2,000 budget to spend on promotion items such as metal straws, reusable totes, reusable microfiber towels and more.

Chair Maury Hill tabled the remainder of this conversation until the November VBCCC Meeting.

5) **International Coastal CleanUp | Parks & Rec Staff Member, Colin Jesse**

Parks & Rec Staff Member, Colin Jesse presented on the International Coastal CleanUp happening on September 16th from 8:30-Noon beginning at 17th Street Entertainment Park. Volunteer registration has been closed with approximately 425 registered volunteers.

Commissioner & Staff Reports

1) **There were no Staff Report presented.**

2) **VBCCC Individual Commissioner's Reports**

- **Commission Chair, Maury Hill** informed the Commission about possible New Commissioners and the interview process.

- **Commissioner Sandra Shinabarger** shared a photo of Hampton's large visible storm drain labels that read "Your River Starts Here."

Commission Reminders

a. *2023 Events*

i. *International Coastal Cleanup – September 16*

ii. *LRNow Waterway Cleanup – October 14*

iii. *America Recycles Day -- November 15*

b. VBCCC Meetings are every other month, on 2nd Thursday

Remaining 2023 Meetings: November 9

Adjournment 8:05 PM