



**CITY OF VIRGINIA BEACH
BAYFRONT ADVISORY COMMISSION
MEETING AGENDA**

Thursday, April 17, 2025
3:30 P.M.
Ocean Park Fire and Rescue Squad Building
3769 E. Stratford Road

The mission of the Bayfront Advisory Commission is to review and make recommendations to the City Council regarding public and private projects and issues associated with the Bayfront area.

CALL TO ORDER
3:30 P.M.

APPROVAL OF MINUTES
Review and approval of minutes from 3/20/25 meeting

CHAIRMAN'S REPORT AND INTRODUCTIONS

PRESENTATIONS/PROJECT BRIEFINGS

COMMITTEE REPORTS

- Communications and Outreach Committee
- Design and Project Outlook Committee
- Infrastructure Committee
- Student Committee

STAFF REPORTS

- 1) Planning
- 2) Public Works

OLD BUSINESS

NEW BUSINESS

- 1) BAC Speaker Policy Discussion – requested by Commissioner Cohen

PUBLIC COMMENTS

ADJOURN



Thursday, March 20, 2025

3:30 P.M.

Ocean Park Fire and Rescue Squad Building
3769 E. Stratford Road

MEMBERS PRESENT:

Bob Magoon (Chair), Andrea Lindemann (Vice-Chair), Morgan Ayers, Sandy Cohen, Windy Crutchfield, Phil Davenport, Bill Hearst, Reese Longwater, JB Maas, Aubrey Moore, Ashtyn Ricks, Cole Trower, Amanda Wong, Councilmember Joash Schulman, Councilmember Stacy Cummings, Planning Commissioner John Coston, Planning Commissioner Holly Cuellar

MEMBERS ABSENT:

Joe Bovee

CITY STAFF PRESENT:

Hank Morrison – Planning, Rachael Miller – Planning, Tori Eisenberg – City Attorney, Diamond Royster – City Attorney, Mike Tippin - Public Works

CALL TO ORDER:

Chair Bob Magoon called the meeting to order at 3:33 P.M.

MOTION TO APPROVE THE MINUTES FROM 1/16/24 MEETING:

Motion by Mr. Hearst, seconded by Vice Chair Lindemann. The meeting minutes were approved unanimously.

Mr. Trower and Ms. Wong arrived at 3:37 P.M.

CHAIR’S REPORT:

Mr. Magoon introduced Chuck Cayton, RAC chair, and talk about the desire to the build a a shared vision for the coastal areas of Virginia Beach. Stated he’s been attending BAC Design Committee and Infrastructure Committee. Introduced new member John Maas and CAO Rep Diamond Royster. Mr. Cummings announced there will be funding for the Shore Drive CIP project on eastern side of the Lesner Bridge (Phase 3) and is excited and aware of the intensity of construction for the 3-year scope. JB Maas introduced himself and his background and relationship to Virginia Beach

PRESENTATIONS/DISCUSSIONS

1) **Dominion Energy – Line 27 Electric Transmission Line Rebuild Project Update – Mr. Rick McClean**

Goes from Burton, Bayside, Long Creek, Bains Store, and then the VA Beach substation (12.7 miles) using existing ROW

Will be talking to property owners where poles fall onto their property and the whole process.

There will be public open houses periodically with staff and crew of Dominion Energy (next in August 2025)

Mr. Davenport asked if the mailers were only be included for those adjacent to the project or to the entire neighborhood. Mr. McLean stated it depends on the project and folks who know are in a different department.

Mr. McLean said he can send the info to the BAC to send to the greater community.

Metal poles will be sturdier and installed deeper into the ground than current wooden ones.

Dominion Energy website has a portion for community notice called Backyard Neighbor; it will be posted on BAC website.

Councilman Schulman thanked Dominion Energy for their communication with Council and about additional limitations

2) **Pleasure House Point Native Plant Harvest**

Harvest was a collaboration between City, LRNow, friends of live oaks, and Chesapeake Bay Foundation.

Surveyed 5000 trees and marked saplings for LRNow, 650+ taken to VT Garden Center for inventory.

340 total volunteer hours completed for this project

The Live Oak tree situated on corner will be saved thanks to Student data and this project by shifting the design and location of the construction entrance to the site.

Mr. Davenport commended the efforts put in. He asked if any of the grasses retrieved would be placed on dunes. Kristen said these wouldn't be appropriate for dunes as these are for riparian areas, but LRNow has recently restored some dune grass.

Councilman Schulman echoed thank and stated how many of these stakeholders were included based on responses of the public to ensure best practices were taken.

Councilman Cummings also echoed thanks.

During Public Comment: Members of the public shared their concerns about:

Wild animal and habitat destruction

Whether trees can be taken by the public from this area

Concerned about wetlands grass being removed. However, the grasses that were removed (Phragmites) are considered invasive and may be removed via a permit from the State, which is what occurred in this instance.

What happens with turbidity of the water, will there be an impact on oyster reefs?

Why weren't credits purchased beforehand, what was going to happen if credits weren't obtained, what happens if flooding happens in meantime?

Mrs. Ayers left the meeting at 5:00pm.

Councilmember Schulman left the meeting at 5:04pm

COMMITTEE REPORTS

- DESIGN & PROJECT OUTLOOK COMMITTEE – Mr. Magoon reported that the committee will be putting together comments to send to staff about comp plan update
- COMMUNICATIONS AND OUTREACH COMMITTEE – Mrs. Crutchfield reported the committee is sending announcements out for briefings about previous BAC meetings. Receiving more emails from sign in sheets
- INFRASTRUCTURE COMMITTEE – Mr. Cohen reported that there is space on the committee. He spoke about a traffic light study on Shore Drive that was completed in 2023. Discussed the HAWK traffic signal at N. Great Neck Road by the Cape Henry Trail, welcome flags, ongoing issues with the lights on the Lesner Bridge and canoe sculpture. Mr. Trower wanted to relay that beach season is opening and mindful of cleaning up beach accesses

- STUDENT COMMITTEE –Ms. Moore reported that the LOVE sign project is progressing. The committee met with Stacey and the artist.

Ms. Longwater left the meeting at 5:10pm

STAFF REPORTS

- Planning: No Report from Staff
- Public Works: No Report from Staff

OLD BUSINESS

No old business.

NEW BUSINESS

- 1) Committee Expectations and Vacancies Discussion – Chair Magoon asked JB Maas to join a committee
- 2) Chair mentioned that BAC wants to keep the community up to date, so they have reached out to find when the next State of the Bay document will be available, and whether the CBF could come and speak to the group.
- 3) Councilmember Cummings announced that he is hosting at Town Hall meeting on May 1 at Cox High School. The topic will cover the Shore Drive Phase 3 CIP Project.

PUBLIC COMMENTS

ADJOURNMENT

There being no further business, the meeting was adjourned at 5:30 P.M.

Bob Magoon, Chair

Hank Morrison, Comprehensive Planning Administrator

	Project Name	Design NTP	Design % Complete	Advertise for Construction	Construction Bid Opening	Estimated Construction Start Date	Construction % Complete	Estimated Construction Completion Date	April Status
Coastal Projects									
1	Chesapeake Beach Renourishment	Complete							Updated 4/14/2025.
2	Lynnhaven Inlet Dredging and Cape Henry Beach Placement	Complete							Updated 4/14/2025.
3	Eastern Branch Lynnhaven River (EBLR) Dredging	-	-	4/3/2023	5/4/2023	7/10/2023	98%	4/5/2025	The City's ongoing dredging project of the EBLR is going well. The contractor completed Keeling Drain dredging on November 7th. Contractor completed EBLR dredging on 12/20/2024 per daily reports. Post dredge surveys of the dredged areas complete. Navigation channel daymarkers have been installed. Dredging of Hurds Cove SSD is at 90%, which is part of the EBLR contract. Updated 4/14/2025.
4	Crab Creek/Long Creek	Complete							Updated 4/14/2025.
5	Pleasure House Point Trail Breach	Complete							Work has been completed to construct an elevated crossing over a flood-prone area. These improvements will make the path more accessible after heavy rain events. Additional erosion repairs complete as of 3/25/2025. Updated 4/14/2025.
	Westminster Canterbury Beach Access Ramp								
	Pleasure House Point Wetland Mitigation Bank Project								
Flood Protection Projects									
6	Lake Pleasure House Outfall	Complete							No Change
7	Lake Bradford Ditch Dredging	Complete							No Change
8	Lake Bradford-Chubb Lake Stormwater Pump Station and Outfall Design-Build Project	Q1 2025	N/A	N/A	N/A	Q1 2027	N/A	Q2 2030	Design-Build team has been selected. Ongoing contract negotiations with the selected team. Notice to Proceed anticipated APR 2025. The City has submitted the \$30M BRIC Grant application to VDEM (Virginia Dept of Emergency Management). The City recieved information from FEMA the new administrtion is removing funding from the BRIC Grant program and it is no longer available. (updated 04/09/2025)
9	Church Point-Thoroughgood BMP and Drainage Improvement	5/21/2024	30	Q1 2028	Q2 2028	Q3 2028	N/A	Q2 2031	The 30% review comments have been provided to the design engineer. The design engineer is working on the 60% submittal expected NOV 2025. (updated 04/09/2025)
10	Cape Henry Canal Phase II – Relocation of Sanitary Sewer Gravity Main	Complete							No Change
Eastern Shore Drainage Improvements Phase I – Section I – \$35.9M Building Resilient Infrastructure and Communities (BRIC) Grant Projects:									
11	Lynnhaven Colony Park Pump Station, 1B		FINAL	Q2 2025	Q2 2025	Q3 2025	N/A	Q1 2028	FINAL Design Submittal Received March 2025 FINAL plans will be routed for signature and prepared for advertisement. FINAL plans are being routed for signature as we prepare for construction advertisement. (updated 04/09/2025)
12	Cape Henry Canal Phase II – Widening and Deeping, 1C.2		FINAL						
13	Lynnhaven Drive Pump Station, 1D		FINAL						
14	Elevate Lynnhaven Drive, 1E		FINAL						
15	Poinciana Pump Station		60%	Q4 2025	Q1 2026	Q2 2026	N/A	Q4 2028	90% Design Submittal expected April 2025. (updated 04/09/2025)
	North Shore Drive Street Drainage Improvements, 1F		100%	N/A	N/A	Q3 2025	N/A	Q2 2027	FINAL design expected May 2025. This project will be constructed with Shore Drive Phase III. (updated 04/09/2025)
16	Cape Henry Drive Street Drainage Improvements, 1G		100%	N/A	N/A	Q3 2025	N/A	Q2 2027	FINAL design expected May 2025. This project will be constructed with the BRIC Grant Projects noted above. (Updated 04/09/2025)
17	Vista Circle Pump Station, 1A								Project will be removed from the CIP. The Team looked at value engineering and determined we can increse the size of the Lynnhaven Colony Park Pump Station and eliminate the Vista Circle Pump Station
Roadways Projects									
	HAWK Signals Phase I (Cape Henry Trail)	Q2 2024	90%	N/A	N/A	Q2 2026	N/A	Q1 2027	90% design is finishing up. Utility relocations are being coordinated. PW intends to use an Annual Services Contract for construction--this will reduce time for procurement and allow us to order signal equipment as soon as possible. Lead times for delivery of signal equipment won't be known until the order is placed. (Updated 4/17/25)
	Pleasure House Road Improvements Phase I								Project is not funded (3/17/25)
	Pleasure House Road Improvements Phase II	Q3 2025							Design contract is being routed for execution (4/11/25)
	Shore Drive Corridor Improvements Phase III		100%	Q3 2024	Q4 2024	Q2 2025	N/A	Q3 2028	Construction Notice to Proceed will be May 1, 2025. Utility relocations began 3/12/25 (Updated 4/11/25)
18	Shore Drive Corridor Improvements Phase IV		Preliminary Engineering						Revised scope and fee for the Supplemental to the Preliminary Engineering Report has been submitted and is under City review. This supplemental will include a modified SW analysis to assess impacts of using 1.5' Sea Level Rise. (Updated 4/11/25)
19	Shore Drive Pedestrian Improvements		90%	Q2 2025	Q3 2025	Q4 2025	N/A	Q2 2026	Final plans were received 4/3/25, curently under City review. PW is looking to phase construction to advance areas with little or no acquisition and less utility conflicts. Plats are currently under review. (Updated 4/11/25)
20	Traffic Safety Projects								

Cape Henry Trail through Cape Story								Traffic Engineering and Traffic Operations are working on short term improvements at the Cape Henry Trail through the Cape Story by the Sea neighborhood to include upgrading advance warning pedestrian signs to bike/pedestrian signs and restriping of the crosswalk markings to include high visibility crosswalk markings. Traffic Engineering is also working with BAC members to develop a proposal for installation of raised crosswalks at each of the ped/bike crossings.
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