

GENERAL MEMBERSHIP MEETING



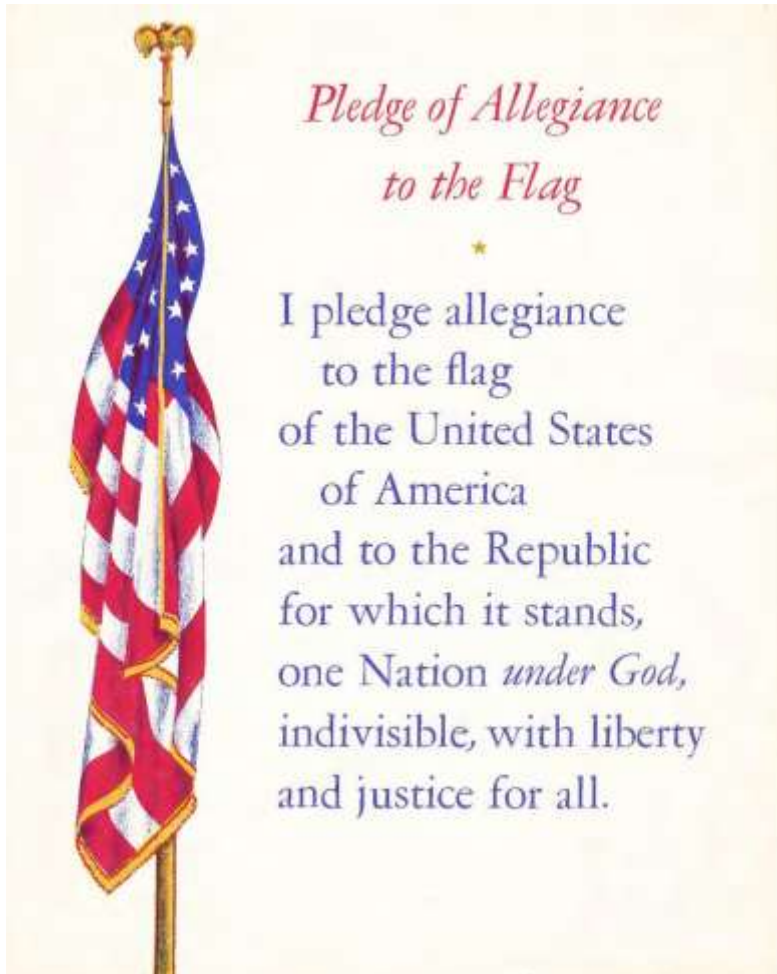
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1. Call to Order & Pledge of Allegiance
2. Special Guest:
 - Rob MacPherson, CoVB Parks & Recreation

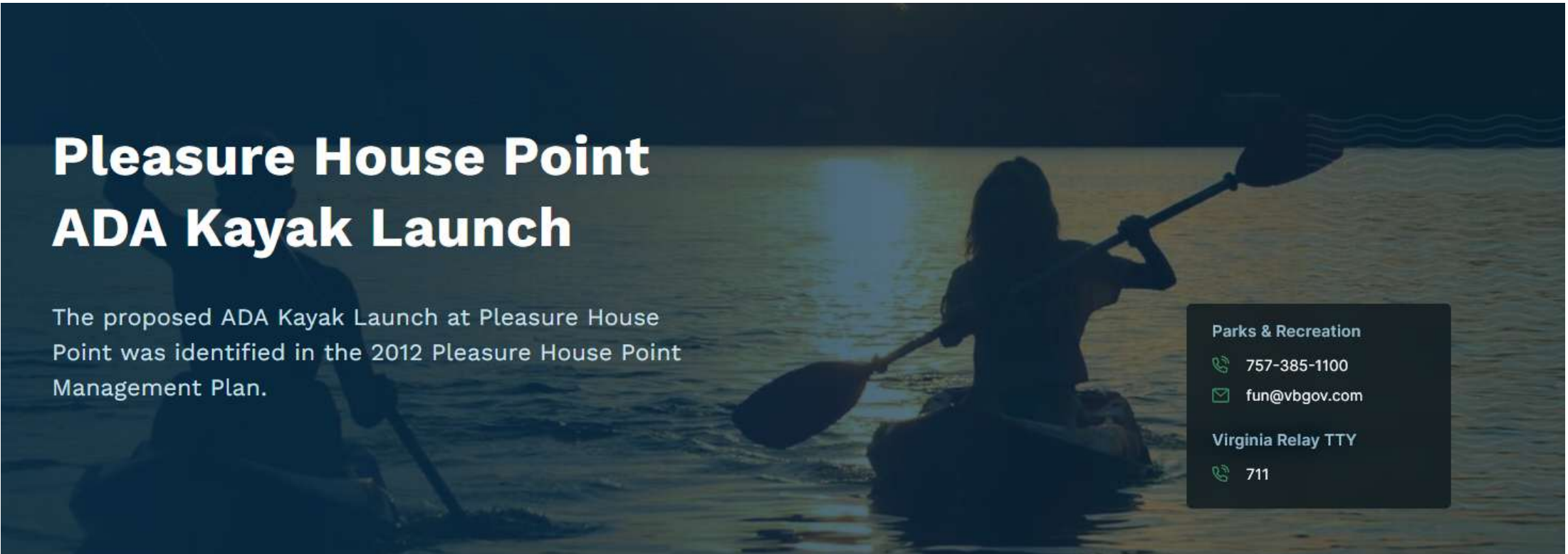
Landscape Architect/Planning Design & Development
3. Review and Ratification of Minutes
3. Treasurer's Report
4. Old Business
 - Lynnhaven Boat Ramp Report
- Committee Updates
- Social Committee
- Membership
 - Activation: Brochures & Cups
- Civic League Elections
- Government Affairs (City & Community Organizations)
- Army Corps of Engineers –Beach survey work
- 2026 City Elections – Candidate engagement
5. New Business
6. Adjournment

Moment of Silence



Special Guest Speakers

- **Rob MacPherson**, PARKS AND RECREATION, Landscape Architect/Planning Design & Development
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Pleasure House Point ADA Kayak Launch

The proposed ADA Kayak Launch at Pleasure House Point was identified in the 2012 Pleasure House Point Management Plan.

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Pleasure House Point Kayak Launch

Ocean Park Civic League

September 10, 2026



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PHP Overview

- Pleasure House Point (PHP) acquired in July 2012
 - Collaboration between TPL, CVB and CBF
- Conditional conservation easement placed on property
- PHP Management Plan developed to comply with conditions of the easement

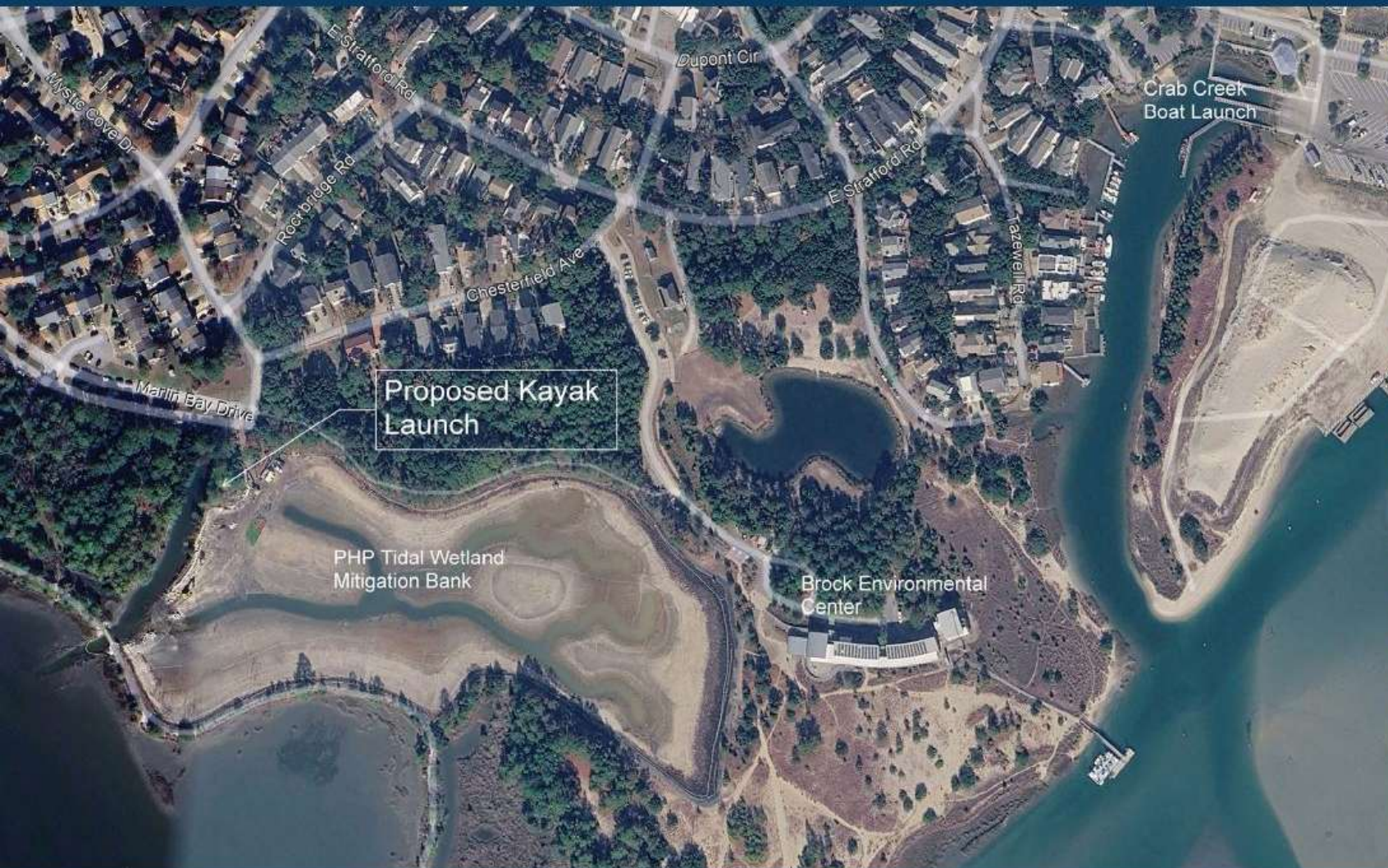


2014 PHP Management Plan/Water Access



- ADA compliant canoe/kayak launch area recommended on east side of Channel 2 at the curve in Marlin Bay Drive
- The water access site would include a small amount of parking, including ADA spaces, and potentially a changing and restroom facility
- The launch would advance the implementation of the Southeast Coast Paddle Trail developed by the National Park Service
- PHP has been officially designated as the northern extent of this trail and the location of the launch is located outside of the conservation easement boundary

Site Context



PHP Kayak Launch History



2016

- Internal discussions and coordination with P&R and PW Coastal began and included the wetlands mitigation bank and kayak launch as one project
- The kayak launch could not be constructed until the mitigation bank project was completed
 - Otherwise, the kayak launch would impede construction access from Marlin Bay Drive

2017

- Meetings held with various stakeholders, OPCL, BAC, etc.
 - Resulted in modifications to the concept plan
- CIP funding for the mitigation bank was deferred to future years
 - Mitigation bank project and kayak launch project were deferred

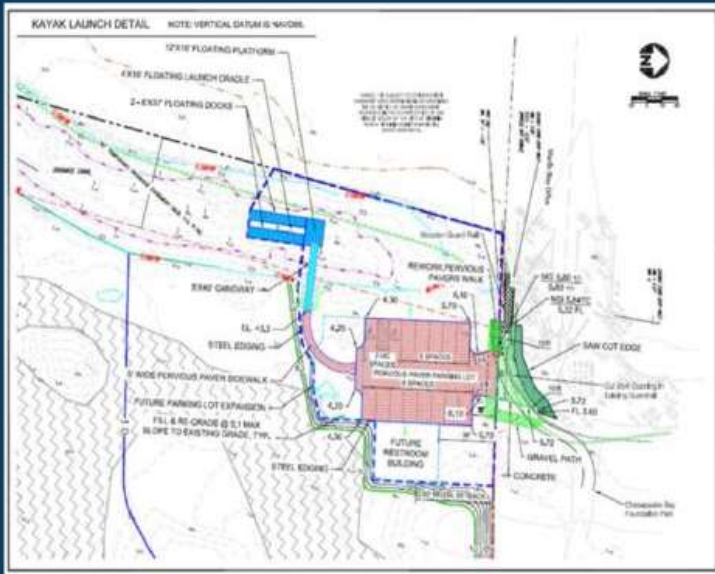
2024

- Mitigation bank project was funded
- Kayak launch was put on hold/stopped at 60% design

Late 2025

- Mitigation bank project nearly complete
- Kayak launch project approved for restart

PHP Kayak Launch History



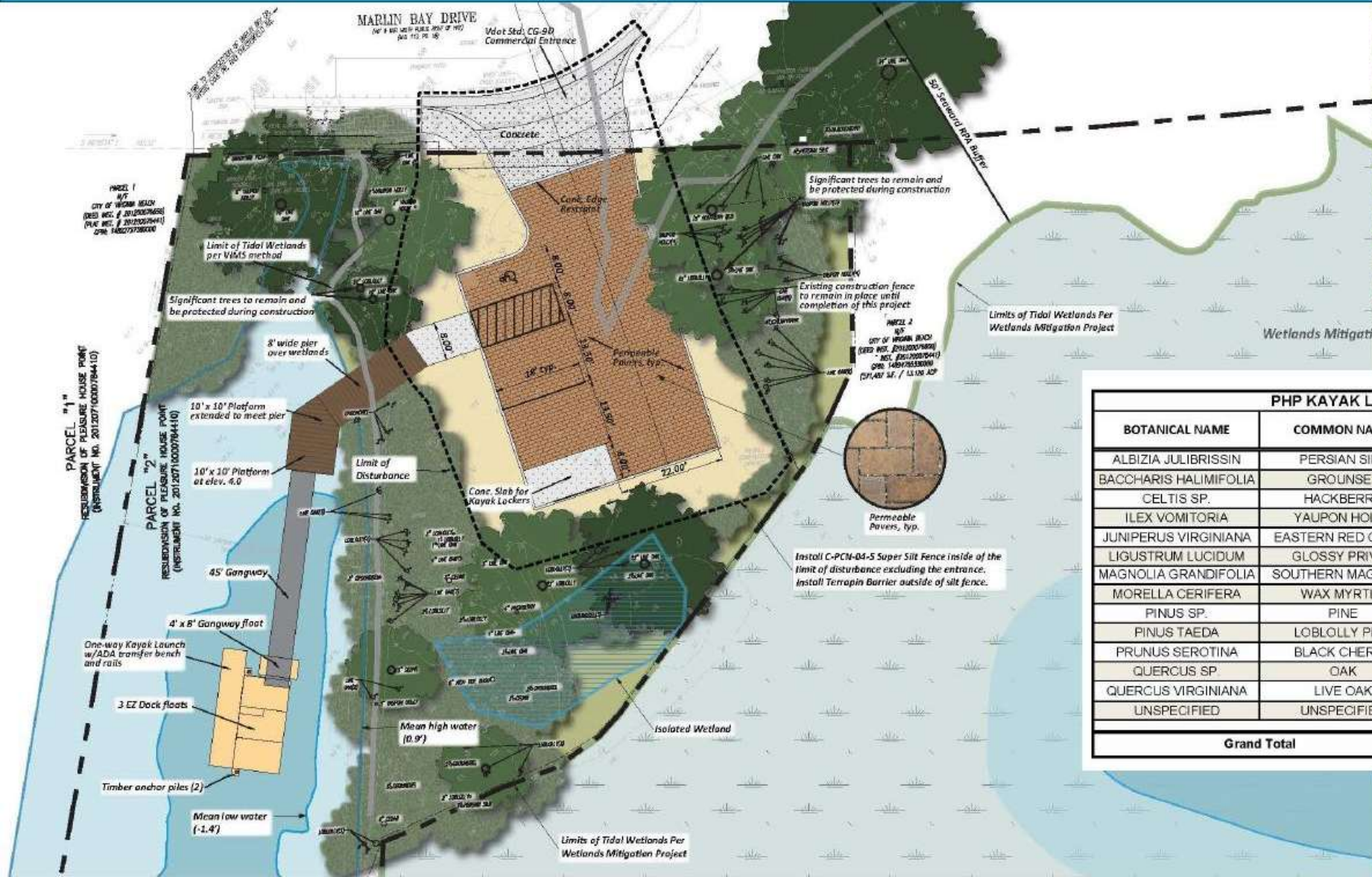
2017 early kayak launch concept plan

2017 plan changes due to meetings with stakeholders:

- Restroom building eliminated
- Reduced parking
- Still concerns with tree removal



Kayak Launch Latest Plan (July 2026)



BOTANICAL NAME	COMMON NAME	0-3"	3-6"	6"+	TOTALS
		TO BE REMOVED	TO BE REMOVED	TO BE REMOVED	TO BE REMOVED
ALBIZIA JULIBRISSIN	PERSIAN SILK	---	---	1	1
BACCHARIS HALIMIFOLIA	GROUNSEL	1	1	---	2
CELTIS SP.	HACKBERRY	---	---	1	1
ILEX VOMITORIA	YAPON HOLLY	3	---	---	3
JUNIPERUS VIRGINIANA	EASTERN RED CEDAR	1	1	---	2
LIGUSTRUM LUCIDUM	GLOSSY PRIVET	---	1	---	1
MAGNOLIA GRANDIFOLIA	SOUTHERN MAGNOLIA	---	1	---	1
MORELLA CERIFERA	WAX MYRTLE	1	---	1	2
PINUS SP.	PINE	---	---	1	1
PINUS TAEDA	LOBLOLLY PINE	4	1	3	8
PRUNUS SEROTINA	BLACK CHERRY	1	1	---	2
QUERCUS SP.	OAK	2	---	---	2
QUERCUS VIRGINIANA	LIVE OAK	1	5	6	12
UNSPECIFIED	UNSPECIFIED	1	---	---	1
Grand Total		15	11	13	39

Public Engagement Themes



Accessibility

- ADA launch design must consider tide levels, maneuvering space, restroom access, and safe docking.
- Stakeholders emphasize ADA users often require assistance and may arrive with trailers.

Environmental Stewardship

- Protecting oyster reefs, wetlands, and live oaks is a priority.
- Signage and education can help reduce ecological disturbance.

Parking & Traffic

- Parking is the single most repeated concern.
- Residents fear congestion, unsafe conditions, and conflicts with school parking.

Safety

- Low tide conditions, oyster beds, and bridge clearance present risks.
- Cleats for tie-offs and improved channel markers recommended.

Timeline



- Public Engagement (3-4 months during summer 2026) including multiple meetings with:
 - Civic Leagues
 - Bayfront Advisory Commission
 - Public Open House
 - Other stakeholders (CBF, Lynnhaven River Now, etc.)
- After public input (6-9 months):
 - Make any final revisions to the design as needed
 - Share updates with the public and stakeholders
 - Finish final design documents and obtain approvals
 - Bid and award for construction
- Construction (12 months):
 - Anticipated start date – Summer 2027
 - Completion – Summer 2028

QUESTIONS?



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Ratification of Minutes (motion required)

Posted to OPCL.org Website

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Ocean Park Civic League General Membership Meeting Minutes August 6, 2026 7:00pm

Call to Order

The meeting was called to order, followed by the Pledge of Allegiance.

Special Guest: Joshua Goyet, Virginia Beach Fire Department (VBFD)

Joshua Goyet joined us to discuss fire safety in the Ocean Park neighborhood and review the response to the June 17 fire in Aeries on the Bay. He emphasized the Fire Department's commitment to providing residents with fire-safety information.

Goyet showed a video illustrating the response to the June 17 fire.

VBFD's goal is to have the first unit on scene within 6 minutes, 20 seconds. The 90th-percentile response time is 7 minutes, 46 seconds. For the June 17 incident, the first unit arrived in 5 minutes, 36 seconds, and water was on the fire within 3 minutes, 14 seconds of the truck's arrival.

There was no problem with the fire hydrant during this incident.

The department's goal for an effective response force - the necessary personnel and crews on scene to prevent the fire from spreading - is 10 minutes. For this fire, the effective response force was in place in approximately 9 minutes, 33 seconds, ahead of the department's goal.

The fire was under control in approximately 1 hour and 7 minutes. The first 911 caller reported that two units were already on fire. Investigators determined that the fire originated outside, although the specific cause was not determined.

Goyet discussed several factors related to fire response and prevention:

- Mulch: Mulch can ignite and burn quickly, particularly when located close to vinyl siding. A rock bed for the first several feet adjacent to a building, followed by mulch farther away, is a safer landscaping option.
- Water supply: Fire trucks carry approximately 500 gallons of water.
- Emergency vehicle positioning: An ambulance did get in the way during the June 17 response. Firefighters do not put hoses on the ground until the necessary trucks are in position because emergency vehicles cannot drive over the hoses.

· Response procedures: Firefighters are accustomed to working in chaotic situations. Crews predetermine their responsibilities and tasks based on their order of arrival.

Questions and Discussion

Residents commended VBFD for its response time.

There was discussion regarding the neighborhood's narrow roads and the difficulty emergency vehicles can encounter when cars are parked close to intersections. The Fire Department has requested that No Parking signs be moved farther from street corners. The Police Department has also been made aware of the issue, and additional patrol attention has been requested. An upcoming traffic study will examine the situation. Fire hydrants are on a three-year inspection rotation at minimum, with Utilities conducting water-flow checks more frequently.

General Fire Safety:

Residents were reminded of several common fire hazards:

- Properly extinguish and dispose of smoking materials.
- Make certain grills and fire pits are completely extinguished and embers are out.
- Use caution with lithium-ion batteries. Avoid generic or questionable batteries and chargers, and do not leave batteries continuously charging.
- Smoke alarms have an approximately 10-year lifespan. The Fire Department can assist residents with replacing smoke alarms.

Danny Murphy introduced School Board Candidate Suzanne Behrman, who attended the meeting.

Approval of Minutes

There was no quorum, so no formal vote was taken on the previous meeting minutes.

Treasurer's Report

The Civic League continues to be in good financial standing. (see Treasurer's Report)

It was noted that Brock is charging OPCL for use of the facility this year.

Spring Fling, Fall Fest, and the fireworks event were identified as excellent opportunities to recruit new OPCL members. The new Membership Committee will assist with membership outreach and recruitment.

Marlin Bay Update

An update was provided on the Marlin Bay project. The Virginia Beach City Council voted 10-1 in favor of the project, allowing it to move forward.

OPCL will continue to work with those involved and share updates with the neighborhood as information becomes available. The project is expected to be several years from completion.

Boat Ramp Update

The boat ramp text-notification system is working. It is still too soon to determine whether the full text notifications are discouraging boaters from driving through the neighborhood when the ramp is full.

It was noted that Owl Creek is experiencing similar issues.

Sandra Dawe asked whether neighborhood updates could also be shared through the text system. There was discussion about recognizing or thanking boat ramp employees. Because the City has a policy regarding employees accepting gifts, OPCL may not be able to provide gifts as an

organization. Individual residents may choose to express their appreciation independently, subject to applicable City policy.

Membership Committee

OPCL will host a Fall Potluck and School Supply Drive.

Date: Thursday, August 20, 2026

Time: 5:30-8:00 p.m.

Location: Ocean Park Volunteer Rescue Squad picnic area

Government Affairs

Danny reviewed upcoming meetings and several neighborhood and City projects.

Government Affairs

A meeting regarding the proposed kayak launch was held. Danny has invited representatives to speak at a future OPCL meeting. The project will include a public-engagement process, followed by presentation of a final design. Completion is currently anticipated in 2028. Sidewalks: Sidewalk installation continues in the area.

Shore Drive Power Lines: Work involving power lines along Shore Drive is expected to begin in September 2026.

Western Bayfront Parking Study: The City is currently determining the scope of the Western Bayfront parking study.

U.S. Army Corps of Engineers Coastal Storm Risk Management Study

The U.S. Army Corps of Engineers (ACOE) Coastal Storm Risk Management Feasibility Study is examining long-term solutions to address storm-surge flooding, sea-level rise, waves, and coastal erosion over a 50-year period.

Among the alternatives being evaluated is a Lynnhaven Inlet surge barrier/storm-surge gate system located north of the Leaner Bridge.

2026 Elections

Members discussed how OPCL should introduce and engage with candidates during the 2026 election season.

Discussion included whether candidate appearances should take place during a regular OPCL meeting or through a separate format.

Suggestions included:

- Soliciting written questions from residents and asking each candidate to answer the same questions.
- Hosting a candidate meet-and-greet to give residents an opportunity to speak with candidates directly.

No final format was determined.

Adjournment

The meeting was adjourned.

Revised Bylaws were also posted for review and consideration of a vote

Treasurers Report

Income	2026 Budget	2026 Actual
Membership Dues - Checks and Cash	\$1,600	\$705
Membership Dues - Paypal/Cheddar	\$5,300	\$5,060
Fall Fest Other	\$1,000	
Robbins Account	\$21,500	\$9,000
Lyon Scholarship		\$2,000
Merchandise Sales	\$1,500	\$1,021
Donations/Silent Auctions/Raffles	\$700	\$625
Wine Tasting		
CASA 2025		\$1,250
Total Income	\$31,600	\$19,661

Expenses	2026 Budget	2026 Actual
Legal Expenses		
Ocean Park Rescue Squad		
Lynnhaven River Now	\$1,030	
Chesapeake Bay Foundation	\$1,500	
Friends of Live Oaks	\$1,000	
PO Box Annual Fee	\$275	\$250
Newsletter/Flyer Printing	\$450	
Social Events (Chili Night Out)	\$650	\$459
Social Events (Wine Tasting) - Paid Event		
Social Events (Spring Fling)	\$5,000	\$3,838
Social Events (Fall Fest)	\$4,000	\$1,250
Social Events (Easter Egg Hunt)	\$100	
Social Events (4th Parade)	\$100	\$75
Umbrella Liability Insurance	\$700	
Virginia Corporation Fees	\$25	\$25
VBCCO Annual Dues	\$50	
Postage and Mail Supplies	\$35	
IT Services	\$2,000	\$1,114
Scholarships (OPCL)	\$6,200	\$6,154
Scholarships (Lyon)	\$3,000	\$3,000
Merchandise (Stickers)	\$200	\$86
Merchandise (Apparel)	\$4,000	\$930
General Meeting Refreshments/DPs/Mbrs	\$500	\$262
BOD Meeting	\$300	\$123
Office Supplies	\$50	
Operating Account Checks	\$50	\$56
CASA 2025		\$175
TOTAL EXPENSES	\$31,215	\$17,797

Robbins' Account - August	
Opening	\$464,411
Closing	\$489,919
Change in Value	\$25,508
Dividends/Interest	\$9,643
Withdrawal YTD	\$9,000
Begin Year Value	\$410,725
YTD Change in Value	\$79,194

Lynnhaven Boat Ramp Update: Report

Lynnhaven Boat Ramp Report — September 4–6, 2026

Overall weekend: 360 total launches over the holiday weekend.

- **Friday, September 4:** 81 launches; car parking did not fill; overflow lot not used for trailers; main trailer lot did not fill; barricades not deployed; hot and humid.
- **Saturday, September 5:** 113 launches; car parking filled ~12:30 p.m., limited availability after; overflow lot used for 8 trailers; facility stayed open to trucks and trailers; barricades not deployed; hot with scattered thunderstorms.
- **Sunday, September 6:** 166 launches; car parking filled ~11:50 a.m., limited availability after; overflow lot used for 16 trailers; facility closed to trucks and trailers at 9:30 a.m.; barricades deployed; windy.
- **Incidents:** VBPD Marine Patrol issued 2 citations for "No Wake Zone" violations inside Crab Creek; camera review showed no additional issues.
- **Parking enforcement (Sep 4–7):** 43 citations from 434 vehicle reads. Season to date (May 1–Oct 31): 794 citations; 6,984 reads.



Social Committee: Fall & Winter Events

- **Fall Festival**
 - Date: Saturday, 10/17/2026
 - Time: 4:00 PM
 - Location: Brock Environmental Center-CBF
- **Halloween Pet Parade (tentative)**
 - Date: Saturday, 10/31/2026
 - Time: 10:00 AM
 - Location: Froggies
- **Holiday Happy Hour (Tentative)**
 - Date: Friday, 12/4/2026
 - Time: 5:00 PM
 - Location: Froggies
- **Holiday Lighted Bicycle Parade (tentative)**
 - Date: Saturday, 12/12/2026
 - Time: 7:00 PM
 - Location: Ocean Park Volunteer Rescue Squad



🌿 **Pleasure House Point** 🚫 **Clean Up**

Remaining 2026 Schedule

- Saturday, September 19th 9a-12
- Saturday, October 17th 9a-12

✓ Meet at the Marlin Bay Trailhead on Marlin Bay Drive



Membership Event

Back-to-Fall Potluck & School Supply Drive.

- Successful Event!
- Brochure & Cups on the way!



OPCL PRESENTS A

BACK TO FALL

POTLUCK & SCHOOL SUPPLY DRIVE

DONATE
Help support local schools!

HOSTED BY OUR FRIENDS AT OPVRS

AUG 20TH
5:30-8:00

As another school year begins, join us as we enjoy great food, and help local students and teachers start the year with the supplies they need to succeed!

Please bring one or more of the following (unopened) items:

- Boxes of tissues
- Dry-erase markers (preferably thin)
- Baby wipes
- Disinfecting/cleaning wipes
- Hand sanitizer

VIEW OUR SIGN UP GENIUS FOR MORE!

 3769 E Stratford Rd, Ocean Park

Board Nominations & Elections

Positions Up for Election (2027 terms)

- President
- Vice-President
- Secretary

Nominating & Election Schedule

August Membership Meeting

- Present schedule for open, fully engaged & orderly process
- Communicate schedule, open roles, and duties through meetings, email, and social media. We are developing Google form to capture interest.

September Membership Meeting

- Provide those interested in roles to talk with the Board
- Schedule any additional "Meet the Board" social events



October Membership Meeting

- Request that all nominations for positions prior to the meeting
- Present the Ballot, in accordance with the Bylaws

November Membership Meeting

- Confirm there are no floor nominations
- Conduct the election

Government Affairs:

- **VB Council of Community Organizations (VBCCO)** meeting: Wednesday, September 16th, General Meeting, 6:30p @ Virginia Beach Volunteer Rescue Squad Rescue 08, Langhorne Hall, Topics CoVB Cultural Affairs Grants
- **Bayfront Advisory Commission (BAC)**, Meeting Thursday, September 17th @ 3:30 p.m. Topics: Shore Drive Corridor Plan + Design Guidelines & Eastern Shore Drive Drainage Project, Ocean Park Volunteer Rescue Squad
- **Ocean Park Interim Sidewalk Project – ON-GOING**
 - They continue to work on land acquisitions, sidewalk portions, and adjustments to newly implemented work.
 - Dinwiddie next to Froggies closed until next week.
- **Phase 3 Shore Drive Improvements (EAST of Lesner Bridge)**

May 1 to Sept. 30, lane closures are anticipated only during the night shift. Daytime closures are not expected to resume until Oct. 1, 2026.
- **Dominion Power Lines on Shore Dr.:** Projected start: September 2026



- **Western Bayfront Parking Study, Determining Scope**

Recommendations on parking regulations:

- Tires on/off pavement
- No Parking vs. No Stopping
- Corner clearances and emergency access
- Consistency of signage
- Simplifying rules & making understandable
- Seasonal restrictions
- Resident permit programs
- Enforcement strategies and increased fines

Army Corps Geotechnical Work Along the Bayfront

- **What:** U.S. Army Corps of Engineers is drilling soil borings for the Virginia Beach Coastal Storm Risk Management study.
- **Where:** Chesapeake Bay Bridge-Tunnel to Fort Story, plus the right-of-way near the 4300 block of Sandy Bay Drive.
- **When:** Equipment mobilizes Sept. 8; drilling begins Sept. 9 and runs about six weeks, weather permitting (Mon–Fri, 7:30 a.m.–5 p.m.).
- **On the beach:** A four-wheeler and a tracked drill rig work the sand, with daily closures of about a 25-by-50-foot area. Stay clear of coned or flagged zones.
- **Crew access:** Fentress Avenue, the Lynnhaven Boat Ramp, and Jade Street, up to an hour at each.
- **Coming in October:** In-water borings begin on the north side of the Lesner Bridge.



Source: City of Virginia Beach, Sept. 4, 2026.

2026 City of Virginia Beach Elections

City Council & School Board

- Term of office: Four years, staggered elections every two years
- Next election: Nov. 3, 2026
- District #9 City Council
 - John Moss
 - Joash Schulman
- District #9 School Board
 - Suzanne Berman
 - Carolyn Weems
- Civic League Engagement
 - Candidate: Forums, Q&A sessions, Written Questionnaires; Meet-and-Greets
 - Coordinate with other communities
 - Regular meetings or additional event



Member Forum & Call for Volunteers!



Adjournment.

