

1. Meeting Materials

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Walkable Community Advisory Group (WCAG)

Kickoff Meeting : July 22, 2025 6:30pm

Twin Beaches Library Meeting Room East

Meeting Minutes

I. Member Updates and Observations: Councilwoman Laura Blackwelder (Chair), Justin Dudash (Co-Chair), Stephanie Sperling, Anne Carey, Charlie Fink

Group observations included:

- A. A recent car accident occurred at Veterans Memorial Park, highlighting that pedestrian safety in the area may require some attention.
- B. A plan for clearing natural debris off the trail at Brownies Beach after storms is needed, and improvements in trash and trashcan management should continue to be monitored.
- C. Concern that the porta-potty location at Brownies Beach blocks after-hours access to the path.

Group updates included:

- A. Martha has been working with the committee to update the WCAG committee page. Round 1 updates turned out great! The committee can provide input and can put it on our Agenda from time to time.
- B. Program Open Space funds for the fiscal year are available from July to June; projects must be initiated within this timeframe; coordination with DNR is required.
- C. In consideration of input from the Town Administrator, Program Open Space coordinators decided to remove a project related to the Richfield Station FIDS property, as additional information related to property ownership and conveyance of the property is required. As noted in the WCAG report- property conveyance can be accomplished through development negotiations and conditions for development per the FIDS covenant.

- D. Information and samples from an SHA-approved vendor of decorative/colored crosswalk pavers were available at the meeting.

II. Status of Ongoing Projects and Efforts:

- A. There were no questions related to the status updates provided in the Agenda.
- B. WCAG Reports will be posted on the WCAG committee page on the Town website.

III. Brainstorming:

Brainstorming focused on safety projects, railway trail projects, and boardwalk connectors. Brainstorming for wayfinding projects and outreach efforts will be rescheduled for future meetings.

Key ideas captured on the whiteboard and in conversation included:

A. Safety Projects (where/what?):

1. Still need a SIDEWALK from Chesapeake Village to BES!!!
2. Crossing 261 at Chesapeake Village to Brownies Beach; safety and crossing ideas included:
 - a) Underpass or overpass
 - b) Traffic Island/median landing spot for refuge
 - c) Traffic calming
3. Crossing from BES to nearby neighborhoods is needed in two locations:
 - a) Crossing Old Bayside Road to neighborhood S
 - b) Crossing Rt. 261 to neighborhood E.
4. Safe crossing and street treatment at MD260 and E Street; safety and safe crossing ideas included:
 - a) Underpass or overpass
 - b) No left turn to add more room for pedestrian access (complete street) on both sides of 260
 - c) Add median landing spot for refuge
 - d) Narrowing
 - e) Bump outs with plantings (like in North Beach)
 - f) Pedestrian flashing lights
5. Missing connector- Boardwalk Between Horizons + Seagate along 261 is needed
6. General Hazards:
 - a) Slipping and tripping hazards caused by debris
 - b) Snow and ice
 - c) Missing connectors- sidewalks and underpasses to nowhere
7. General Traffic Calming treatments:
 - a) Flashing lights for pedestrians
 - b) Bump outs
 - c) Road painting
 - d) Narrowing of road

e) Rumble strips

- B. The group discussed starting with rustic boardwalk-style projects to align with the town's character, noting the need for design and an RFP; Railway Trail and Boardwalk/Rustic (or wooden) Connectivity Projects mentioned during brainstorming included:
 - 1. BES to Fishing Creek
 - 2. BES to Harbor Road
 - 3. Horizons to Seagate
 - 4. Chesapeake Village to BES connecting through the neighborhood to the South of BES to Woodshire Street
 - 5. From Brownies: Asphalt path to existing boardwalk
 - 6. Railway Trail End to continue on Railroad Right of Way
- C. Wayfaring Projects (where/what/design/approach?): No specific ideas captured in this session. Reschedule for a future meeting.
- D. Outreach (how/when?): To be planned for next meeting by request.

IV. Sustainable Maryland: Meeting at Town Hall August 20, 1pm. All members present requested a meeting invite.

V. WCAG Action Items:

- A. Read and understand the FIDS covenant regarding how/when/who the land is turned over to; and determine if Richfield Station residents need to be involved in approving.
- B. Find the Mt. Airy Walking RFP and other Rails to Trails RFP's to use as examples to create our own.
- C. Each person should pick something to "make actionable."

VI. Set goals for next meeting, scheduled for August 19, 2025.

- A. Brainstorm Outreach
- B. Refine our message/goals for outreach: "What do we want to communicate?"
- C. Detail plans that we are in support of to make them more actionable.