

Prince William County  
**TRAILS AND BLUEWAYS COUNCIL**

Advisors to the Board of County Supervisors

Meeting Minutes  
January 26, 2021; 6:30 pm

**Attendance**

<b>District</b>	<b>Appointee</b>	<b>Present (in person)</b>	<b>Present (virtual)</b>	<b>Absent</b>
At Large	Amy Latalladi-Fulton		✓	
	Ed Dandar		✓	
Brentsville	VACANT			
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Coles	Mike DePue		✓	
	Eric VanNortwick	✓		
Gainesville	Duane Martin		✓	
	Ben Smith	✓		
Neabsco	Aleta Daniels		✓	
	Jason Williams	✓		
Potomac	Chris Caseman	✓		
	James O'Malley	✓		
Occoquan	Eileen Sheridan		✓	
	Neil Nelson	✓		
Woodbridge	David Brickley	✓		
	Lynda Silverstrand	✓		

**Call to Order**

**Pledge of Allegiance**

**Administrative Items**

**Citizens**

**Presentation Items/Reports**

**Approval of December Meeting Minutes.** Minutes of the December meeting were approved.  
Chris/Lynda

**Administrative Items.** Jim O'Malley welcomed newly-appointed member Jason Williams to the TBC and thanked previous officers. Jim reminded members to complete and return their disclosure forms.

PWC Trails Coalition updates will be added to the monthly agenda. We will evaluate structure of the agenda over the next couple of meetings, and will ask county reps and other presenters to provide read-aheads as appropriate to help members prepare for discussion and streamline meetings.

John Maher: two suggestions for continuing agenda items

Invasive plants – all counties around PWC have programs to counter invasive plants.

Trail standards – comprehensive plan updated with trail standards. Would like to see TBC work with the county to ensure trails comply with standards.

**P-1 I-66 Trail Discussion.** George Phillips

In early December, Duane Martin asked if it would be possible to make a bike/ped/equestrian trail connection under the I-66 overpass to Virginia Welcome Center and ultimately to Vondor Lane. There is limited space between Bull Run park and I-66, and planning has assumed a trail on the South-, not the North side. Existing bridle trail in the park essentially makes the connection already. Unlikely to be folded into the scope of the current project. Duane noted that the current trail does not allow bicycle access.

Duane asked when Prince William County will get a trail that aligns with the Fairfax County trail along the South side of I-66. George noted that they are laid out, but not yet funded.

**P-2 Preserve at Long Branch Proffer Update.** Connie Dalton / Patti Pakkala / Brendon Hanafin

- Property owner has made a number of property swaps to accommodate the trail connection.
- The Preserve will have 99 homes and 192 acres of parkland.
- Master plan process will kick off this summer. New land acquisitions will allow for construction of a boardwalk, other trails, canoe access.
- Eileen Sheridan noted that there are several water crossings on the plan and wanted to ensure Parks would be constructing bridges. Brendon Hanafin noted that some would be "splash-through" crossings, but that the county would provide bridges where needed. Jason Williams noted the similarity to Fairfax's Cross-County Trail with concrete reinforcement of non-bridged stream crossings.

**P-3 Powell's Creek Crossing Study & Alternatives.** Brendon Hanafin

- Powell's creek study completed last year, calls for boardwalk across the river to Potomac Shores. In the process of acquiring 90+ acres.

**P-4 Federal Lands Access Program grant.** Brendon Hanafin.

- Have not heard back on request for \$500K for boardwalk design. Also no update of gap analyses for Occoquan to Belmont Bay; for the Town of Dumfries, northeastern part of Prince William Forest Park; and for Joplin Road – getting from south end of Prince William Forest Park to the Marine Corps base.
- Jim noted that the website indicates work was supposed to start last summer on the portion of the Potomac National Heritage Scenic Trail in the Heritage Harbor section at Featherstone. Brendon confirmed that the section through the refuge is in VDOT permitting process now.

**P-5 Washington Rochambeau Revolutionary Route Event.** David Brickley

- Commemorates march of Washington and Rochambeau from Newport, Rhode Island through Prince William County on the way to Yorktown.
- Has been quiet for a while but ramping up on a federal level to do the 250<sup>th</sup> anniversary right.
- [information provided to TBC by email]
- Will be a multi-year process, culminating in 2026.
- Parks has received a grant for a series of programs highlighting the upcoming anniversary.

**P-6 Occoquan Greenway Update.** Brendon Hanafin

- Building or planning to build several segments. Focusing on segment 3, followed by segments 4 and 2 if funding is available. Will likely have to wait until bonds are passed to complete all three.
- Will reduce the number of existing water crossings on segment 3 from three to one. Submitted for the site plan, and probably a week from submitting for building permits. Anticipating 27 weeks from submission to completion of construction.
- Bridge replacement on Segment 4 – hope to have bridge replaced by late March/early April. Because it is an existing bridge, and the 100% design
- Developing a series of trailhead kiosks and additional signage

**P-7 GPW Trails Coalition Update.** Eileen Sheridan

- Met last week with Chair Wheeler as keynote
- Ernie Porta from Occoquan talked about the kayak launch.
- Presentation on aspirational trails map – a planning tool. There is a working group meeting February 4.
- Members asked to meet with supervisors to discuss gaps in trails in their districts.
- David has heard from Chair Wheeler's office on the resolution recommending additional full-time employee(s), and she has requested additional staff support in the upcoming budget.

**P-8 Independent Hill SAP Update.** Connie Dalton

- Planning Commission recommended denial. Hoping to take to the BOCS in March. Concerns over density, incorporation with character of existing development.

### **County Agency Representatives' Time**

**PWC Parks, Recreation and Tourism.** Brendon Hanafin. Interviewing for planner in the next week or so. Beginning to brief and review the mobility chapter with the BOCS.

**PWC Department of Planning.** Connie Dalton. Three current priorities: first draft is in review on the Triangle SAP; Independent Hill SAP going to BOCS in March; Route 29 SAP going to Planning Commission public hearing on February 17.

**Transportation.** George Phillips. Looking at Class II and Class III trails from a safety standpoint with the plan to replace them with Class I where speed/safety dictates.

### **Members' Time:**

- Lynda – April Occoquan cleanup date has not been set.
- Mike – need much greater anti-ATV enforcement at Doves Landing on the weekends.
- Jason – Andrew Leitch Park also has an ATV problem.
- Eileen – need to add PW Trails & Streams Coalition back to the agenda.

### **Recap:**

**Next meeting – Feb 23**

**Adjourn** Meeting adjourned at 8:23