

Prince William County
TRAILS AND BLUEWAYS COUNCIL
 Advisors to the Board of County Supervisors

Meeting Minutes
 October 26, 2021; 6:30 pm

Attendance

District	Appointee	Present (in person)	Present (virtual)	Absent
At Large	Amy Latalladi-Fulton	✓		
	Ed Dandar	✓		
Brentsville	Tom Coyle			✓
	Liz Cronauer	✓		
Coles	Mike DePue	✓		
	Joe Marshall	✓		
Gainesville	Duane Martin	✓		
	Ben Smith			✓
Neabsco	VACANT			
	Jason Williams	✓		
Potomac	VACANT			
	VACANT			
Occoquan	Eileen Sheridan			✓
	Neil Nelson	✓		
Woodbridge	David Brickley	✓		
	Lynda Silverstrand	✓		

Call to Order Meeting called to order at 6:30

Pledge of Allegiance

Approval of Meeting Minutes. Minutes of the September meeting were approved.

Administrative Items. None

Citizens Time. Ernest Rodriguez (MORE) and Rich Wilson attended virtually. No comments.

County Agency Representatives' Time

PWC Parks, Recreation and Tourism. Robert Boyd.

- Had kickoff meeting with contractor for design of the bridge crossing on Hooes Run (Occoquan Greenway)
- Drafted scope for FLAP grant, for PHNST route from Occoquan to Belmont
- Drafted trail network map for the Comprehensive Plan update
- Supervisor Franklin will host town hall meeting at Belmont Bay; Patti is attending.
- David Brickley asked about status of the Powell's Creek crossing. Rob reported there has been no action since the feasibility study; RFP to be developed.

PWC Department of Planning. Connie Dalton.

- Oct 20 - Planning Commission work session on Land Use and Housing chapters; Planning Office provided background and intro.
- Next work session on Nov 3 on transit, with Transportation Office
- Belmont Bay development application - first round of comments by PWC agencies given to applicant; next step is submission of a revised application
- Interactive trails map posted on the Planning Office website, for public comment

Transportation. George Phillips / Allan Yu.

- Metropolitan Washington Council of Governments' Street Smart program – testimonial walls region wide; will have one at Ferlazzo Bldg, with stories of pedestrians who have been in accidents, in Nov.
- guidebooks for VA bike law - George will bring copies to next meeting. Also available at County Center.
- David Brickley – attended joint meeting of VDOT bike/ped committee and VA DCR State Trails Advisory Committee. Meeting presentation is at: <https://www.dcr.virginia.gov/recreational-planning/document/STAC-slides-10-26-21.pdf>
Agenda included "Cycling for Sustainable Cities". Book by Ralph Buehler is available from MIT Press, \$30.00. Visited Austria, Vienna is a cycling city which we should emulate, very walkable and cyclable.
- STARS study – VDOT made choice for the project at Rt 123 & Old Bridge Rd – the "Alternative Flyover Outside-Outside".

P-1 DOT Trail Classifications. George Phillips / Rob Boyd.

- DOT trail classifications. From PWC DCSM - <https://www.pwcva.gov/department/land-development-division/design-construction-standards-manual>
The DOT standards for trails can be found in Section 600
- Liz asked what triggers trail building. Rob stated it is rezonings, and proffer funds in conjunction with development projects. Need standards for when the developer constructs trails.
- Doves Landing - funding remains, need master plan; will expand and improve trail network. Park land / Sinclair Mill site acquired via the Preserve at Long Branch development will provide launch site.

- DPRT is updating their internal DCSM, to better fit site constraints within parks. Waiting on hire of landscape architect.

P-2 Draft Trail Network Discussion

- Trail network – aspirational trails. Developing what will become trail map for comp plan. DPRT has scrubbed the aspirational trails map, made changes, deleted some. Started with existing trails. Added in current comp plan trails. 282 additional lines were added from community input. Culled out those in cities, towns, and other land PWC does not control (80 lines deleted). Took out neighborhood safe routes to school lines. Much of that is out of DPRT control. Will be handled in broad fashion, as policy (40 deleted). Already existing trails (40 deleted). Left with 100 new lines; of those kept 61 in new DPRT trail map. Current existing miles: 150. Added 61 lines: 75 miles. Rob sent DPRT product to Bryce, to be added to crowd sourcing map posted by Planning Office.
- David – can we see the current DPRT recommended map? Rob – how does TBC want to review? Digital link? District work sessions?
- On private land, only kept what is in major greenways. Mike – how about rural crescent, like Cedar Run? Trail development won't happen unless in comp plan.
- PHNST – Rob presented detail showing existing and planned routes.
- David - County land behind Four Seasons development in Dumfries? DPRT working with Public Works to include trail, in conjunction with stream restoration.
- PHNST - Featherstone section ready for bid this winter. Trails includes three long boardwalks and natural surface sections.
- Rob will send digital version to of DPRT trail map TBC to review. DPRT can setup review sessions with TBC members or joint meetings with supervisors.
- Joe requested the list of lines that were rejected along with the reason or category for the rejection. Rob said some may only be a couple of words which is okay with Joe. Rob said he would provide this with the map.
- MOTION (David Brickley) – move that the TBC take a vote at the appropriate time, on the draft trails map, as presented by DPRT. SECOND (Mike DePue). In favor: Brickley, Dandar, Cronauer, Depue, Latalladi-Fulton, Marshall, Nelson, Silverstrand, Williams. Opposed: Martin.
- Duane noted the TBC will be moving forward with review and further discussions of the trail map in Nov.
- DPRT must present draft trail map in March; plan to have version ready in Jan. Mobility chapter will be updated after Land Use & Housing chapters.

P-3 Neabsco Creek Hike Report. Jason Williams. (Postponed to November meeting).

Organization Representatives' Time

Greater Prince William Trails Coalition. Quarterly meeting was on Oct 21 meeting. Agenda item was review of the Aspirational Trails Map.

Prince William Trails & Streams Coalition. No update.

Members' Time:

- David – the 9/11 trail legislation was signed by the President of the US on Oct 13.

- Lynda – Bandalong litter trap system – moved trail to site, installing rip-rap; trees cut; some equip on site.
- Ed – announced he will resign from the TBC; the Dec meeting will be his last.
- Duane – TBC should recognize Ed. Possibly do resolution to BOCS. Mike noted Ed's contributions with Adopt-a-Trail program and annual Occoquan cleanup. Brendon noted there is a process for naming facilities, such as the planned kayak launch at Neabsco.
- Liz – congrats to David for the conclusion of his work on the 9/11 trail legislation. Congrats to Jason for hosting the Neabsco trail walk. Thanks to Transportation staff.
- Joe – asked about proper procedure for submitting comments on trails, such as those he had after exploring the trails at the landfill. Response - They should be provided as a presentation item. He presented trail maps at a neighborhood meeting. Walked around Mayhew Park (off Balls Ford Road) and explored routes for the connection to the Battlefield under I-66.
- Jason – kudos to staff. Nov 12 – remove tires from Featherstone Refuge. Oct 10 – held soft opening at Locust shade, 32 bikers attended. Formal ribbon cutting to be scheduled later; kiosk and map to be installed.
- Neil – DPRT on agenda, Nov 9 LRPRA board meeting, to provide update on Occoquan Greenway

Next meeting – November 16. The TBC members agreed to change the date to Nov 16, instead of Nov 23.

Adjourn Meeting adjourned at 9:26