

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

Meeting Minutes
 February 23, 2021; 6:30 pm

Attendance

District	Appointee	Present (in person)	Present (virtual)	Absent
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 January meeting were approved as amended.

Administrative Items.

Citizens Time. Joe Jacobs, Elm Street Development: Independent Hill SAP. Joe is working on a project adjacent to George Hellwig Park where there are some proposed trail connections. Joe will send some plans to Robert Boyd for distribution to the Trails and Blueways Council in the event TBC has questions.

P-1 Aspirational Trails Network. Robert Boyd / Moses Chun

- Moses Chun, a planner with the National Park Service, is assisting with this initiative.
- The NPS and PWC will be receiving technical assistance through a short term contract with Center for Community GIS (CCGIS)
- Robert Boyd gave an overview of the online maps.
- Goal is to create aspirational trails network – seeking optimal trails network in Prince William County.
- Aspirational maps are hosted in google maps. Greater Prince William Trails Coalition users may add segments they would like to see added to the current trail network. County representatives will then review any proposed additions.
- Eileen Sheridan noted that the first round of inputs will be restricted to GPWTC and TBC members. It may be disseminated more broadly for additional input after the initial round of feedback.
- Moses Chun – looking to identify and improve connectivity to underserved neighborhoods.
- Brendon Hanafin – this work will serve as public input for the mobility chapter of the Comprehensive Plan.
- Jim O'Malley – TBC members are encouraged to look at the map and add at least one segment to familiarize themselves with the tool.
- Want to get a sense of the TBC's priorities before the April 15 GPWTC meeting.
- Duane Martin noted that TBC has given a fair amount of input on trail connections over the past couple of years.
- Moses Chun will provide a guide to how to fill out the various fields when adding a trail segment.

P-2 2022 Budget Presentation. Brendon Hanafin

- Brendon Hanafin shared budget priorities and the status of the Capital Improvement Program with the TBC.
- Building Facility Program zeroed out. It has affected several projects planned for 2021. Cloverdale Bridge (abutment placement), Veterans Memorial Park, Catharpin baseball fields (ADA sidewalks)
- FY22 capital appropriation is \$3.1M: \$1.5M for land acquisition. \$1.6M for design of Occoquan Greenway, Powell's Creek Boardwalk, Howison Park, and Hellwig Park

County Agency Representatives' Time

PWC Parks, Recreation and Tourism. Brendon Hanafin.

- Have not heard back on Powell's Creek.
- Did get \$300K FLAP grant for some of the most troublesome areas: Occoquan to VRE, Dumfries into Prince William Forest Park, from Prince William Forest Park south along Joplin Road.
- Featherstone – seeking additional funds from the state or elsewhere to get that project going.

PWC Department of Planning. Connie Dalton.

- Rt 29 SAP was approved by BOCS last week.
- Independent Hill SAP going to board March 16.
- Should be getting next draft back of the Triangle SAP from consultant in the next week or so.
- Land Use & Mobility Update – Connie shared the Comprehensive Plan's website:
<https://www.pwcgov.org/news/pages/Pathway-to-2040.aspx>
- The Planning Office will hold online public meetings March 23, 24, 25, to kick off discussion of Mobility Chapter and Housing Chapter.

Transportation. George Phillips.

- Still searching for a planner to assist with bike/ped issues.
- Received an update on access to the trail under I-66 from Bruce Barnett. Access is nearly complete – regrading one section to meet 10' minimum clearance. Access will be restricted until work is complete.

Organization Representatives' Time

Greater Prince William Trails Coalition. Eileen Sheridan.

- Working on a potential opportunity to work with Greater Prince William Prevention Alliance. May work together on a "challenge event" to walk/bike trails.

Prince William Trails & Streams Coalition. Neil Nelson.

- Neabsco cleanup scheduled for Saturday, March 13.

Members' Time:

- Jason – When does FY budget begin? [July 1] / Since we are working with parks bordering MCB Quantico, are we working with them to ensure safety during live-fire exercises?
- Amy – should we be recommending to our supervisors to return the Building Facility Program back in the budget?
- Ed – will there be a ribbon cutting for the trail under I-66? [Duane recommended to Supervisor Candland that we do that. Nothing firm yet.]
- Eileen – sent a note to Supervisory Boddye but has not heard back. She'll see if it is a good time to revisit the previously held Occoquan Greenway meetings that last occurred last summer.
- Neil – Lake Ridge residents are expecting a site visit.

Recap: Remind David about state funding of trails. Same presentation items will be on next month's meeting.

Next meeting – Mar 23

Adjourn Meeting adjourned at 8:07