

Prince William County

TRAILS AND BLUEWAYS COUNCIL

Advisors to the Board of County Supervisors

Meeting Minutes April 27, 2021; 6:30 pm

Attendance

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

Call to Order

Pledge of Allegiance

Administrative Items

Citizens

Presentation Items/Reports

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

Administrative Items. Chair Amy Latalladi-Fulton was absent. Vice Chair Neil Nelson led the meeting.

Citizens Time.

Eric Fagerholm. Montclair/Potomac Shores resident, member of Greater Prince William Trails Coalition. Attending mainly to observe; interested in safe routes to school, aspirational trails map.

Charlie Grimes. GPWTC is seeking feedback on aspirational trails map.

John Maher. Trail maintenance needs to be included in original planning. Rigorous citizen review is critical to Comprehensive Plan development.

County Agency Representatives' Time

PWC Parks, Recreation and Tourism. Brendon Hanafin.

- All projects moving forward well.
- BOCS meeting tonight, hope to approve the budget, including reinstatement of the Building Facility Projects Fund.
- Will present on Powell's Creek at next meeting.
- Cockpit Point crossing will have to be a bridge; an at-grade crossing is not feasible.
- Expecting to qualify for some grants to help fund Powell's Creek and Cockpit Point projects.
- Rob – installed three bridges at Locust Shade and should complete fourth bridge this weekend.
- Working to install counters on trails to gauge usage.

PWC Department of Planning. Connie Dalton.

- The Route 29 Small Area Plan is scheduled to go to the Board of County Supervisors in early June. Will be looking at changing the name from "Route 29" to "The Settlement".
- The Triangle SAP is online and available for review. A work session with the Planning Commission is scheduled for May 5.
- Mobility Chapter – completed some focus groups. Upcoming focus groups:
 - Thoroughfare & Transit (roads and public transit providers) May 26
 - Trails & Connectivity (park trails, greenways, on-road trails) June 9
- Strategic plan – draft will be shared with BOCS May 11.
- Environmental & Sustainability focus group scheduled for May 7.
- Looking at alignment of Potomac Heritage National Scenic Trail in Belmont Bay.
- Rural Area Plan is scheduled to be presented to the BOCS on May 4. Four components include a Comprehensive Plan amendment, purchase of development rights, transfer of development rights, cluster subdivision. Also includes a lot of conservation easements.
- David Brickley – would like to have the opportunity to provide feedback to the consultant assisting the county with the mobility chapter update.
- *David Brickley moved that the chair send a message to the Planning Director requesting that the consultant set up a meeting with the Trails and Blueways Council and the Greater Prince William Trails Coalition. Ed Dandar seconded. Motion passed unanimously.*

Transportation. George Phillips.

- Search for a bike/ped planner continues. Conducted three interviews this week. Hoping to have someone on board within about a month.
- Getting some cycling infrastructure concessions from development projects – bike racks, bike lockers, etc. Continuing to push for developers to include these things in future projects.
- Bike to Work Day is coming up. The number of pitstops across the region is down more than 50%. Prince William County dropped from 10 to 7.
- Additional Bike to Work Month activities will be posted to the PWC Transportation and Washington Area Bicyclist Association websites.
- Pitstops: Town Hall Community Center (Haymarket), Haymarket Bicycles, George Mason University (Manassas), Manassas VRE station, Rippon Landing VRE station, Chinn Center (Woodbridge), Woodbridge VRE station.

P-1 Comp Plan Update.

- Included in Planning update.

P-2 Powell's Creek Update.

- Included in Parks update.

P-3 Cockpit Point Update.

- Included in Parks update.

Organization Representatives' Time

Greater Prince William Trails Coalition. Eileen Sheridan.

- Met April 15 with presentation from Gerry Connolly and discussion of the aspirational trails map.
- Public comment will be requested on aspirational trails map.
- Prince William Trails & Streams Coalition and Prevention Coalition have put together a messaging campaign with five signs at nine trailheads – bilingual (English & Spanish) on suicide prevention, drug abuse prevention, also information on trails. Each sign will have a QR code for additional information. Theme is "Walk & Talk Wellness."
- A-1 Cycling and REI have contributed prizes.
- Have asked people to send in photos of their favorite trails to add to the website.
- Signs will be up May 9 – June 5.

Prince William Trails & Streams Coalition. Neil Nelson.

- PWTSC has planned a group paddle from Leesylvania State Park to Cockpit Point May 8.
- Neil suggested creating a bypass to avoid a steep rutted area of the trail in Lake Ridge Park. May be doable with volunteers.

Members' Time:

- Ed – National Wellness Day. If Parks can take some photos, Ed will provide to the Observer for publication.
- David – Lance Elzie is the new park manager at Leesylvania. The first 1.5-mile section of the September 11 National Memorial Trail from the Flight 93 site to the Great Allegheny Passage is opening on Friday, April 30.
- Lynda – will receive the proclamation for Bike to Work Week.
- Jason – There is a Locust Shade workday scheduled Saturday, May 1. Mid-Atlantic Off-Road Enthusiasts (MORE) has just gotten some trail grants approved. Establishing a “sMORE’s” program to encourage children and families to ride more and take care of trails.
- Eileen – Parks Foundation has been revived.
- Duane – has seen a big increase in mountain bikers out on trails; some newer riders need some trail etiquette training. Duane can assist with sMORE’s training wrt sharing trails with horses.
- Neil – Lake Ridge HOA is having a trails committee meeting May 10.

Recap: Neil will draft a letter for requesting meeting with the planning consultant. Agenda item for the May meeting: review work session items in preparation for presenting them to the BOCS.

Next meeting – May 25

Adjourn Meeting adjourned at 8:14