

Prince William County  
**TRAILS AND BLUEWAYS COUNCIL**

Advisors to the Board of County Supervisors

Meeting Minutes  
May 25, 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	Tom Coyle		✓	
	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 April Meeting Minutes.** Minutes of the April meeting were approved.

**Administrative Items.** Tom Coyle was confirmed at the last Board of County Supervisors meeting as a new Brentsville representative to the Trails and Blueways Council. Chris Caseman has notified his supervisor of his intent to depart the TBC.

**Citizens Time.**

No citizens present.

**County Agency Representatives' Time**

**PWC Parks, Recreation and Tourism.** Robert Boyd.

- Working on the Mobility Chapter of the Comprehensive Plan.
- Splashdown and other waterparks are preparing to reopen fully this summer.
- Doing a lot of trail maintenance, clearing trees, etc.

**PWC Department of Planning.** Connie Dalton.

- The Route 29 Small Area Plan presentation to the BOCS is scheduled for June 15.
- Triangle SAP has been posted online. Working with Supervisor Bailey to set up a community meeting in June.
- Neil Nelson: Any indication when there might be an update on Belmont Bay?
- Alex: working with the applicant, Supervisor Franklin's office, and the HOA. Still in the negotiation process and want to clear that up before the applicant submits their application. Expecting to receive later this month or early next month.

**Transportation.** George Phillips.

- Senior planner has been hired, will be coming on July 12.
- Will be helping with bike planning.
- Bike to Work Day was May 21. George visited pit stops at Chinn Center and Woodbridge VRE. Staff at both sites indicated that all registered riders had come through.
- David Brickley missed deadline to submit comments to VDOT on the Woodbridge STARS study for the Route 1/123 intersection. Will try to submit some comments via George.
- Will provide some comments at the next meeting.

**P-1 Comprehensive Plan Update.** Alex Vanegas

- Presented slides.
- At the May 4 meeting, the BOCS directed Planning to look at the county holistically.
- Working with consultant to revise scope, to be presented to BOCS July 13.
- Conducted a community poll to begin community engagement; received nearly 2,000 responses.
- Top three mobility responses were congestion (selected by 28% of respondents as the most important issue), trails (16%), and safety (13%).
- 72% of respondents included "traffic congestion/commute times" as one of their top three issues.

- Response was pretty consistent across magisterial districts. Congestion was the #1 response in all districts.
- “Other” priorities include ADA accessibility, metro extension to Gainesville, etc.
- Moving ahead with the Mobility Update. Roads & Transit community outreach meeting is scheduled for May 26; Trails & Connectivity scheduled for June 9. Meetings will be held via Zoom.
- Will update Pathway to 2040 web portal with interactive mobility maps.
- Next steps:
  - Conduct mobility community engagement meetings.
  - Conduct trails focus group meeting with TBC and Greater Prince William Trails Coalition June 14 or 15.
  - Planning staff and the consultant workgroups look at activity centers and redevelopment areas.
  - Prepare and coordinate materials for second round of community engagement.
- Eileen: Concerned about the separation of roadway trails and off-road trails between the Transportation and Parks updates. Will they be presented as separate maps? Alex: They are separate maps on the web portal. We may be able to present them as layers on a single map.
- Alex: Consultant has been with the county since January but has been focused primarily on land use. Shifting focus to mobility now.
- David Brickley: TBC is eager to have input to the consultant.

## **P-2 Discussion of Work Session Outcomes.**

- Western PWC
  - Focus down Potomac Heritage National Scenic Trail route – not aligned with CSX line.
  - Prioritizing Occoquan Greenway trails.
  - Grading and utilizing water and stream corridors to create an “Emerald Ribbon” like corridor.
  - Natural surface trail along the crest of Bull Run Mountain with a connection to mill-to-mill trail.
  - Utilizing land acquisitions and easements to connect existing park sites and open spaces in the Rural Crescent.
  - Setting a goal to have not more than 10 miles between takeouts on navigable waterways. Will seek to reduce that goal.
  - Bridge over Bull Run – intercounty connection.
- Eastern PWC
  - Bike/ped connections over I-95 and I-66.
  - PHNST – update route along Powell’s Creek to the bluff on the Potomac.
  - Davis Ford Road – Prince William Parkway to Asdee Lane. Looking at potential road diet, bike lanes.
  - Connecting to the American Wartime Museum/extending Neabsco Greenway.
  - Connections into the Town of Dumfries.
  - Taking advantage of power line easements for trail connectivity.
  - Lake Jackson Dam – access/portage to get from above to below.

### **Organization Representatives' Time**

**Greater Prince William Trails Coalition.** Eileen Sheridan.

- Next quarterly meeting is June 15. Putting agenda together.
- Seeking input from Safe Routes to School.
- Wellness campaign – Andrew Leitch Park signs have disappeared.

**Prince William Trails & Streams Coalition.** Neil Nelson.

- Rick Holt is relocating.
- Will reschedule Cockpit Point paddle, which was postponed due to weather.

### **Members' Time:**

- David – Gerry Connolly has submitted a bill to have the September 11 National Memorial Trail federally designated. Hearing Thursday, May 27 at 1 p.m.
- Neil – Occoquan greenway in Lake Ridge has seen some activity on trail realignments and bridges. Construction could begin this fall on the bridge over Hedges Run. Biked to Locust Shade park today – new mountain bike trails are looking good.
- Duane – US Trail Riders, Inc. sent a note to members that Loudoun County is developing an interconnected, county-wide linear parks and trails system. There is a public meeting to announce/discuss May 26.
- Amy – visited state and national parks in Florida in April. Noting a lot of beavers on the Neabsco boardwalk around dusk.

**Next meeting – June 22**

**Adjourn** Meeting adjourned at 8:35