

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

Meeting Minutes
 June 22, 2021; 6:30 pm

Attendance

District	Appointee	Present (in person)	Present (virtual)	Absent
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

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

Administrative Items. None.

Citizens Time. No citizens present.

County Agency Representatives' Time

PWC Parks, Recreation and Tourism. Robert Boyd.

- Catharpin Greenway: a volunteer group offered to fix a section of trail; met with Rob, Matt, Patti. Short section (200 feet) needs either lots of gravel to build up trail, or build boardwalk. Some opportunity for volunteers where trail leaves Silver Lake Park. The volunteer group previously sponsored an adventure race – swim, run, bike.
- Met with Dominion Valley HOA, on concerns with state of trail, and spur to Waterfall Rd. HOA wants to separate pedestrian trail from equestrian trail. DPRT accepted current alignment; a change is HOA issue.
- Patti Pakkula– mobility chapter of Comp Plan should include goal of identifying funding source for trail maintenance. Eileen asked if it would be possible to switch bond money from east-end trails to Catharpin trail. DPRT responded that the BOCS could switch, but it was advertised for PHNST, Occoquan Greenway, and Neabsco Greenway.
- DPRT is finishing landfill trail this month. Then to Locust Shade to work on advanced trail. Installing trail signs on Occoquan Greenway.

DPRT – Brendon.

- Cloverdale Park, bridge has been out for two years. Have funding to re-do abutments and restore connection to Cardinal Drive. Start work in July. Funded from Building/Facility program; \$4 million this year for DPRT and Public Works. Building/Facility program funds used to improve trails at Andrew Leitch. Will get \$500k of bond funding for Neabsco Greenway; bond funds primarily for design; may have some construction money.
- Occoquan Greenway - working on permits for bridges on segments 3 and 4; segment 2 re-routing is on hold. Applying for state trail funds for Hooes Run crossing, and sidewalk for segment 8 (Tanyard Hill Rd). Those projects would stretch bond funding. Also working to get transportation funds for sidewalk on Tanyard Hill.
- Neabsco wetlands preserve – in permitting for boardwalk. Permits should be approved in summer, with construction in fall.
- Mobility chapter - Brendon and Rob got involved early for trail component. Will do outreach on east end, one session in Dumfries and one in Woodbridge. TBC members should participate or co-sponsor, help with outreach, and show citizen involvement.
- NVRC grant – to collect info from visitors on Neabsco boardwalk. Regional effort to quantify how PHNST affects health and outdoor habits.
- Received \$300K grant to build boardwalk in Metz Wetland, and \$350K for Town of Occoquan to Belmont Bay feasibility study.

PWC Department of Planning. Connie Dalton.

- Planning Office supports more outreach on Mobility Chapter update.
- Rt 29 SAP on BOCS agenda tonight (June 22).
- Triangle SAP – public outreach session with Supervisor Bailey June 23.
- Jun 23 – town hall meeting on affordable housing, sponsored by Supervisors Boddie and Franklin. Related to mobility – greater transportation needs if affordable housing is far from employment centers.

Transportation. George Phillips.

- new senior planner has been hired, starts July 12 - Alan _____. Will work bike / ped and comp plan update.
- VA law changes biking on roads, effective July 1. Bicyclists can ride two abreast; drivers must change lanes when passing cyclists, if lane is not wide enough to leave three feet of space between vehicle and bikes when passing.
- Transportation grant application for pedestrian bridge, N. Woodbridge; bridge would connect to VRE station.
- Carruthers (developer) submitting rezoning plan on Belmont Bay, July 1.

P-1 Trails Focus Group Recap. Rob Boyd

- Focus group with Alex Vanegas (Planning Office) – presented 5 questions, one hour and 45 minute meeting on June 15 with TBC. Alex distributed the slide presentation after the meeting.

P-2 Rt 123 STARS Study. George Phillips

- George summarized the VDOT alternatives for the Route 1 and Route 123 Intersection (https://www.virginiadot.org/projects/resources/NorthernVirginia/Draft_Alternatives_-_Route_1_and_Route_123_STARS_Study_Virtual_Public_Involvement_May_2021.pdf)

Organization Representatives' Time

Greater Prince William Trails Coalition. Eileen Sheridan.

- Next meeting on _____. Will include discussion of aspirational trails map, and input to it. May obtain input from HOAs. Trail corridor along CSX lines is important to Stafford; keep showing one in PWC to help Stafford effort.

Prince William Trails & Streams Coalition. Neil Nelson.

- Ed Dandar announced the Occoquan cleanup will be on Sep 11. Ed will coordinate with HOAs.

Members' Time:

- Jason: Locust Shade – MORE volunteers installed 66 feet of boardwalk.
- Duane – communicating with Loudon County on trail connections with PWC. One is a potential mill-to-mill trail between Aldie Mill off of Rt 50 in Loudon to Chapman - Beverly Mill in PWC. Opportunity for off-road trail. Attended a ribbon cutting for a park in Fauquier County.
- Ed – adopt-a-trail program brochures have been updated and printed.
- Amy – recently returned from trip to Iceland and hiked trails there, including one near a volcano. Iceland has good trails, and trail use is part of the lifestyle.

Next meeting – July 27. Agenda may include a resolution on resources for trail maintenance.

Adjourn Meeting adjourned at 9:00