

Prince William County  
**TRAILS AND BLUEWAYS COUNCIL**

Advisors to the Board of County Supervisors

Meeting Minutes  
 April 26, 2022; 6:30 pm  
**Approved by the TBC on May 24, 2022**

**Attendance**

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

**Call to Order**

The meeting was called to order by Amy Latalladi-Fulton at 6:31 PM.

**Pledge of Allegiance**

**Administrative:**

- March meeting minutes were approved through a motion from Liz and seconded by Eileen.
- April Subcommittee meeting minutes were approved through a motion from Jason and seconded by Joe.
- New meeting protocols to keep meeting timeframes under 2.5 hours were described by Amy and reviewed by the council.

- Raheel Sheikh was welcomed as a new member from the Potomac district. He gave a short introduction.

### **Citizens Time.**

- Brodie Freer, the Occoquan District representative and chair of the Parks and Recreation Commission participated in the meeting as part of an effort for the TBC and P&RC to work together were productive. He described the commission's purpose and that it meets every 3<sup>rd</sup> Wednesday of the month at 7 PM in the Hellwig Parks building. Virtual options for attendance are also available. Amy plans to visit their May meeting.

### **County Agency Representatives**

#### **PWC Parks, Recreation and Tourism.** Patti Pakkala, Brendon Hanafin, Janet LaFleur

- There was no chart package prepared for this meeting.
- Patti discussed progress on the TBC website. It still needs some work. It is currently reached from the county website through the Parks page. Direct link - [Trails and Blueways Council \(pwcva.gov\)](http://Trails and Blueways Council (pwcva.gov))
- Eileen asked for a \TBC shortcut from the main page to make it easier to find and access.
- Brendon described an overview of trail / blueway construction for trails, parks and acknowledged greenways funding sources and maintenance budgets. Funding comes from negotiated proffers, budget funding, bond funding, capital improvement plan and facility maintenance budgets.
- The bond funding includes \$21M for trails and acquisitions including efforts on the Neabsco and Occoquan Greenways and the crossing of Powell's Creek.
- Facility maintenance includes improvements to three sidewalks.
- A \$750K grant is funding the expansion of the Neabsco Boardwalk between the current boardwalk and the entrance to Leesylvania State Park.
- A north entrance to Prince William Forest Park from county park land was discussed.
- Transportation funding is providing for the 234 bypass.
- There is still no budget for trail maintenance. Eileen reported that she asked Supervisor Boddye for a regular percentage of transportation funding for trails and their maintenance and suggests other TBC members do the same.
- Three new staff are being planned for: one will work on right of way acquisition, proffers and with project managers. Another will be an additional project manager bringing such staff to a total of 5. Another will be a procurement officer. These will advertise in May and hopefully be hired by July.
- The GIS Analyst will finally start on May 15<sup>th</sup>.
- The department is being reorganized resulting in more people working on trails – a total of 4.
- Janet took questions on the Adopt a Park. Lynda described a great presentation on the program given at a local civic association. Joe asked if there was a list of those groups who had adopted parks and trails. Janet said no. Neil mentioned he has a list of all the organizations taking part under the Trails and Streams Coalition's Adopt a Trail program.

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

- There will be a BOCS work session on the 2040 Mobility Section on May 10<sup>th</sup>.
- After the meeting, there will be edits ongoing in preparation for a public hearing. There is no edit detail available yet.
- Transportation modeling is currently driving the schedule.
- Version 2 is expected by July since there has been a lot of feedback.
- Connectivity will be key, and they support getting open access with HOAs.

- They hope to add three new people to the Planning department.
- There is a new County Complex Plan online with a trail plan proposed inside of it. TBC members are invited to review this. See [https://eservice.pwcgov.org/planning/documents/Pathwayto2040/Mobility/Planning\\_Draft%20Government%20Complex%20Activity%20Center%202022\\_0311.pdf](https://eservice.pwcgov.org/planning/documents/Pathwayto2040/Mobility/Planning_Draft%20Government%20Complex%20Activity%20Center%202022_0311.pdf)
- There are lots of rezonings being worked (access details online through DAPS):
  - Riverside (mixed use) – need pedestrian bridge over route 1 to VRE. Coles Ford vendors to move to new locations.
  - Independent Hill SAP – out parcels will require trails along the front of the properties
  - Kline Property – Parkway and Liberia Av. – the SE quadrant has been significantly reduced. This application proposes around 240 townhouses. There are no talks of schools yet. Application includes three special use permits for a pharmacy (drive-thru), restaurant (drive-thru) and a self-storage facility. A 20-acre park proposed to be dedicated is included in the application. Additional on-site amenities are proposed. (REZ2016-00021)

#### **PWC Transportation.** George Phillips

- George thanked Joe and Jason for accepting the Bike-to-Work Day proclamation from the BOCS. Jason passed it around for other members to see. Bike-to-Work Day will have pit stops at the four PWC VRE stations, Chinn Center, Kelly Leadership Center, George Mason University and Simpson Community Center. See [BTWD – Bike To Work Day \(biketoworkmetrodc.org\)](http://biketoworkmetrodc.org) for more information.
- Mobility Section’s model run was just received and is being used to model transportation what-ifs for different configurations of the major roads and highways.
- As a follow-up to the previous meeting, Joe asked about any information on how to proceed north on the 234 Bypass by bike after the 234-Brentsville interchange is completed with its lack of any attempt to connect to the shared use path that is called out in the current comprehensive plan. No information was available.
- It was mentioned that there is a start at looking at the entire shared use path from that interchange to I-66. It was described as a big trail project and thus members raised concerns on how long it would take to see any incremental actions.
- A new senior planner will be needed to fill a recent vacancy. Interviews are expected in the next month.
- Duane asked if there was anything on working with Fairfax County to complete the Bull Run loop / bridge needed around I-66. Nothing provided.

#### **Discussion by Members**

##### **Comprehensive Plan/Mobility Chapter Trail Plan Map Review:** Liz Cronauer

- A subcommittee meeting was held on April 5<sup>th</sup> to review the new draft of the Mobility Section’s trail map. See minutes approved for detail.
- Joe created a spreadsheet to capture all the parks and trails in Coles District as shown on the trails map. Trails are either marked as existing, planned, or proposed. Joe then added to this his list of corrections to track final outcomes for the trails on the map.
- Liz collected inputs from subcommittee members and merged them into a single spreadsheet and then numbered them to flow across the county map.
- Liz then marked the numbered changes on a single large printout of the trails map along correlated with the spreadsheet. At the meeting, she realized that the provided spreadsheet was not up to

date with the printouts she handed out at the meeting. She provided the updated spreadsheet electronically immediately after the meeting that matched the handouts.

- The TBC reviewed the marked-up map briefly in person at the meeting. Members not on the subcommittee were asked to review and provide any corrections or additions (especially from their districts) so that the TBC could formally endorse the change list and map drawings at the next meeting.
- It was pointed out that this trail map needs to work with the land use plan and that if there is a new land use planned by 2040, there needs to be trail support also shown.
- It was also recommended that the county add transportation points such as VRE and bus stations and school bus lots to the trails map so connectivity would be visible.

### **Organization Representatives' Time**

**Greater Prince William Trails Coalition (GPWTC).** Eileen Sheridan.

- GPWTC held its quarterly meeting in April. Eight people attended in person and ten people attended online.
- Tim Miner from Virginia Volksmarch gave a talk on unsafe intersections and how safety needs to be included in any planning. It was suggested we invite Tim to our meeting sometime in the future.
- The GPWTC is continuing to work on obtaining 501c3 non-profit group status.

**Prince William Trails & Streams Coalition (PWTSC).** Neil Nelson.

- A cleanup on Marumsco Creek and Metz Park occurred in April and 60-70 people participated including Jason, Lynda, and Amy.
- May 8<sup>th</sup> will feature the 2<sup>nd</sup> Sunday hike. This month they plan to revisit the Occoquan Greenway from the Lake Ridge Recreation Area toward Occoquan. Rhododendrons should be in bloom. Register at the PWTSC website.

**Mid Atlantic Off-Road Enthusiasts (MORE).** Jason Williams

- Jason discussed the 6 miles of multi-model trails planned for Forest Greens and improving / adding trails to James Long Park.

### **Members' Time:**

- Amy:
  - Kudos to Liz for the work of the subcommittee on the trails map and to Joe for the spreadsheet and minutes. The meeting flow seemed to work and will be reorganized as we go further.
- Liz:
  - She talked to her district's planning commissioner, Tom Gordy, before a recent working session on the Mobility Section. He brought up several of her ideas at the meeting. Recommends all TBC members work with their planning commissioners.
  - She also asked how best to accomplish getting trail money from transportation projects. It was suggested that this is a topic with our supervisors and may be a good topic for a resolution in June.
- Joe:
  - He asked about whether there was any plan yet to blaze the Landfill Trail or start working the inclusion of areas on the east side of the landfill. This is being held back by lack of staffing.

- He gave a brief commentary on the Doves Landing Master Planning Community meeting that was held the week before. Kudos to Patti for presenting a full list of what could be done with the park though he expects it may be rather limited.
- Joe mentioned that on his recent trip to Nebraska, he experienced or observed many of the improvements Patti mentioned in the parks he explored there indicating perhaps a different community mindset.
- Mike:
  - Continued discussion on Dove's Landing – most important is the blueway access and trail improvements. Sinclair Mill site is a perfect launch site for canoes and kayaks. He recommended we devote some time to this at the next meeting and if appropriate, draft a resolution.
- Jason:
  - Asked about what to do with the Bike-to-Work Day proclamation. A copy will be attached to these minutes.
  - Described a small new bridge he helped build near Hooes Run on the Occoquan Greenway.
- Rich:
  - Described his 4 days of wondrous biking in Bentonville, Arkansas the home of Walmart. Everything was close and connected with pump tracks all over. They were building trails everywhere including weatherproof trails.
- David:
  - He told us about his upcoming speaking engagements as a keynote speaker for 100 planners on the Eastern Shore Trails Committee and a separate event at the Maryland Planning Commission.
  - He also described his recent visit to a Bolivian Death Road that stretched 40 miles and lost 11,000 feet of elevation along the way.
- Lynda:
  - She recently cleaned out the Bandalong and collected one bag of trash and lots of muck.
- Neil:
  - No comments.
- Eileen:
  - No comments.
- David:
  - No comments.
- Duane:
  - No comments.

**Next meeting agenda:**

- Final updates to the Trail Map and Spreadsheet
- Doves Landing Master Plan
- Other agenda items should be forwarded to Amy and Liz by May 16<sup>th</sup>.

**Next meetings:**

At Hellwig: Full TBC – May 24 at 6:30 PM.

**Adjourn:**

Meeting adjourned at 8:58 PM