

Prince William County  
**TRAILS AND BLUEWAYS COUNCIL**

Advisors to the Board of County Supervisors

Meeting Minutes  
 May 24, 2022; 6:30 pm  
**Approved by the T&BC on June 28, 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 6:33 PM.

**Pledge of Allegiance**

**Administrative:**

- April meeting minutes were approved through a motion from Eileen and seconded by Neil.

**Citizen's Time.**

- Charlie Grymes was present but offered no comments during Citizen's Time.

## County Agency Representatives

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

- There was no chart package prepared for this meeting.
- *T&BC Website*
  - Patti discussed progress on the T&BC website. (Direct link - [Trails and Blueways Council \(pwcva.gov\)](http://TrailsandBluewaysCouncil(pwcva.gov)) ) Patti will be out most of June so progress continues slowly.
  - Eileen reiterated her request for a T&BC shortcut from the main page to make it easier to find and access. Patti said that may be a lot more difficult than it sounds due to the structure of the county pages.
  - Patti asked if anyone would like to manage just our section if appropriate controls can be worked out. Joe and Neil both volunteered to do this.
  - It was stated that upcoming meeting information is the most important content on our pages since this gives citizens transparent access to our meetings.
- *Doves Landing Master Plan*
  - The next citizen's meeting will be near the end of June.
  - Nothing was prepared by T&BC members for this meeting.
  - Brendon discussed current thinking. They will keep the water access. They can definitely post "No Wake" signs along Park property in order to make boating safer for canoes and kayaks – they are looking to see who would have authority to monitor and enforce "No Wake" zones.
  - They will also add some accessible trails that will enable views of the water. He recommends the T&BC provide our priorities to Parks.
  - Liz wrote some words in this direction and will send them to Mike.
  - Mike will collect ideas from various members and provide a draft of comments for our consideration at the June meeting. Member should send comments directly to Mike and not copy anyone else.
- Brendon described an acquisition of the oldest structure in Brentsville, the Williams Dawes House, on the private side of Bristow Road. (See [Prince William County Purchases Williams Dawe House, Oldest Building in Brentsville \(pwcva.gov\)](http://PrinceWilliamCountyPurchasesWilliamsDaweHouse,OldestBuildinginBrentsville(pwcva.gov))). There are other acquisitions in progress.
- Trees were planted on the new trail at Occoquan Bay NWR.
- The department is waiting for an expected grant before starting on the Neabsco Boardwalk extensions. This will allow money to replace and free up other funds for other projects.
- Segment 3 of the Occoquan Greenway – pending award of contract for construction of new bridge. Section 4 is now in permitting for replacement of an existing footbridge and Section 6's Hooes Run Bridge is waiting for the new FEMA Flood Maps before proceeding.
- The Tanyard Hill project is expected to receive a federal grant that will replace Bond funding.
- Eileen asked several questions on funding.
- Duane asked about the stream bank on Long Run for the Broad Run Greenway.
- Brendon was asked if stepping stones were an option for low water crossings – he said he would check into that.
- The Cloverdale Bridge is underway.
- The bridge replacement at Andrew Leitch Park is in design.
- The trail at Forest Greens Golf Club will begin construction in the fall. Parks plans to work this with MORE similar to efforts at Locust Shade Park.
- The solar farm at Nokesville Park has significant opportunities to add trails.

- In July, new positions will be filled for coordinating bond projects and managing real estate and proffers. They will focus on Neabsco Greenway, and Powell's Creek based on Test the Trails studies.
- The new GIS analyst starts Tuesday.

**PWC Department of Planning.** Connie Dalton

- On 5/11, the planning commission recommended denial of the Independent Hill – Elm Street Development project due to density concerns. This is likely to next go to the BOCS.
- Connie thanked Duane for input on the Government Center plans.
- On the Comprehensive Plan front, all are working on 2<sup>nd</sup> version of the Mobility section and map based on edits and comments received from the public. This will be posted once completed – probably in 6 to 8 weeks.
- More parcels will be shown as open space to better plan connectivity within the county.
- There will be another working session with the BOCS prior to their break in August.
- When queried, Connie said planning is advocating for more private trails (e.g. HOAs) to be open to public access.

**PWC Transportation.** George Phillips

- George provided handouts for the 234 Brentsville Interchange project and for the Clover Hill / 234 Bypass Interchange plan.
- 234 Brentsville Interchange
  - There were 3 changes made for improved bicycle/pedestrian travel through this interchange including a pedestrian / bike bridge over southbound 234.
  - The SUP north of the interchange will no longer call out one side or the other. This will be determined later when the project is designed.
  - Liz questioned the wisdom of doing the next SUP section from Brentsville all the way to I-66 as large and expensive and taking forever. George said he would check on timing.
  - Liz described a letter she received from Mary Ankers, the project lead. Liz asked her to consider (if money allowed) at least grading the land for the SUP along the northern ramp to the bypass so people could use it. Mary said it would be considered.
- Clover Hill / 234 Bypass Interchange Plan
  - George shared results of a Star Study from 2017 that includes Bowtie intersections that remove left turns from the intersection and changes signals to two phases from current 3 phase.
  - Originally estimated to cost \$12M, it is now likely in the \$16-20M neighborhood.
  - Active PW asked for Bike Lanes since biking is more likely than walking due to what's in the nearby area.
  - Grades on the bowties are significant – George was asked if an overpass was considered here.
  - After the meeting, George sent copies of the study diagrams and reports to the T&BC. George asked that we send him any comments and he would pass them on to whatever consultant is looking at this.
- Bike to work was successful on May 20. 19 people visited the pit stop at Kelley Leadership center that George staffed. Downtown Manassas VRE had the largest number of participants at 65.

**Discussion by Members**

- Comprehensive Plan/Mobility Chapter Trail Plan Map Review: Liz Cronauer

- Mike reviewed the spreadsheet and map from last meeting and had no changes.
- Liz and Mike talked about a blueway north on Broad Run and the group decided to add that to the list and map. Liz updated the spreadsheet and drew in the blueway on the map.
- Patti talked to Quantico Marine Base, and they do not want a Greenway through the base. So, the Cedar Run blueway will go to Aden Road.
- After some wordsmithing, a resolution written by Joe, was endorsed as a motion by Eileen and seconded by Jason and passed unanimously among those present.
- The resolution will be signed by Amy as president of the T&BC and sent to all of the BOCS to inform them of the T&BC's recommended changes to the current draft of the Mobility Section trails map.
- Patti provided a digital image of the map and Liz provided the spreadsheet both of which will accompany the resolution.

### **Organization Representatives' Time**

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

- The GPWTC is continuing to work on obtaining 501c3 non-profit group status.
- The next quarterly meeting will be held on June 16<sup>th</sup>.

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

- Litter traps are being cleaned out on an ad hoc basis. As part of this, counts are made of the trash and branches are removed. This process will be formalized in the months ahead.
- PWTSC participated in planting native species at Veteran's Park on May 22.
- Tour of the Towns will take place this year on July 23<sup>rd</sup> starting from Brentsville.

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

- MORE sponsored Wakefield and Lake Fairfax Parks improvements.
- They are looking forward to working Forest Greens improvements this winter as well as some improvements at Locust Shade Park.

### **Members' Time:**

- Amy:
  - Amy discussed the latest tragedy (shooting) in the news and the importance of safe routes to and from schools.
  - She attended the Parks and Recreation Commission meeting virtually in May. It is a different type of meeting and there was discussion of the Doves Landing Master Plan meeting.
  - She will be out of town for the June meeting.
- Bill:
  - Bill told the TBC that he has been a member of the PWTSC for many years and now plans to be a regular participant in the T&BC.
- Liz:
  - Liz has contacted Tim Miner and is trying to get him scheduled to present to us on dangerous intersections in the county – perhaps for the July meeting.
- Mike:
  - Mike was pleased that Parks and Recreation department is really moving forward with plans and implementations.
- Joe:

- Joe showed pictures from his recent trip to Nebraska where he experienced or observed many of the improvements Patti mentioned in the parks he explored there, indicating perhaps a different community mindset. He also showed pictures of a few of the 500,000 Sandhill Cranes he encountered while west of Omaha.
- Duane:
  - Duane mentioned a recent comfortable ride in Shenandoah National Park.
  - Duane brought up the need for an easement on the private connector trail connecting Conway Robinson Forest to the Manassas Battlefield. Patti stated that the Digital Gateway as currently planned will require public access. She also recommended checking out Kate Snyder's pedestrian access and how easements are being assembled. TBC members recommended that easements are obtained while favorable owner permissions are present.
- Jason:
  - He will be away for the June meeting visiting Camp Pendleton – he described how that site has many great trails in a different environment from ours.
- Eileen:
  - Eileen reported that she gave Supervisor Boddye a heads up of our Trail Map resolution.
- Neil:
  - Neil asked about the Avanti development and related parcels on the Broad Run Greenway. Patti reported that easements are being worked including existing trails and from any data center plans.
- David:
  - David passed around a plastic-coated trail map from the Hocking Hills State Park in Ohio as a good example of how to provide trail users good maps.
  - He completed the presentation at a Maryland Park that he mentioned in April.
  - He talked about how he has seen some of the coolest bridges, columns and coastlines while in Northern Ireland.
- Tom:
  - No comments.
- Raheel:
  - No comments.
- Rich:
  - No comments.
- Lynda:
  - No comments.

**Next meeting agenda:**

- Resolution with recommendations for Doves Landing Master Plan
- With Jason and Amy out in June, other T&BC members need to be present in person to meet our 8-person quorum requirement.
- Other agenda items should be forwarded to Liz by June 14<sup>th</sup>.

**Next meetings:**

At Hellwig: Full T&BC – June 28<sup>th</sup> at 6:30 PM.

**Adjourn:**

Meeting adjourned at 9:06 PM