

Prince William County
TRAILS AND BLUEWAYS COUNCIL

Advisors to the Board of County Supervisors

Meeting Minutes
 November 15, 2022; 6:30 PM
Approved by the T&BC on January 24, 2023

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		✓	

Staff persons Patti Pakkala, Eugene Loew and Bryce Barrett were present; and Matt White and Ed Deleon attended virtually. Also, citizen Charlie Grymes attended in person.

Call to Order

The meeting was called to order by Liz Cronauer at 6:31 PM.

Pledge of Allegiance

Administrative:

- There was no quorum present, so past minutes were not approved.

Citizen's Time.

- Charlie Grymes addressed the Council. He mentioned a Transportation Town Hall on Safety.

County Agency Representatives

PWC Department of Parks, Recreation and Tourism. Patti Pakkala, Ed Deleon, Matt White

- Patti introduced Eugene Low as Assistant Director, Maintenance and Operations.
- She also introduced Ed Deleon as a new Project Manager for trail projects.
- Matt White welcomed Ed and provided the following status:
 - The Featherstone project (the next section of the Potomac Heritage National Scenic Trail to update) is achieving milestones on regulatory and environmental compliance – all permits are in place. They are preparing a solicitation and bid package which VDOT must also approve. They hope to go out for bids in July 2023 (FY24).
 - Occoquan Greenway Section 2 – Marina to Hoos Run – they are rerouting a section of unsustainable trail – they have an on the ground meeting upcoming. Jason noted another part of the trail with erosion needing fixing.
 - Occoquan Greenway Section 3 – the Contractor is mobilizing on site by early December. Bridge drawings are in review.
 - Occoquan Greenway Section 4 – they are meeting on bridge replacement – the plan needs to be updated.
 - Occoquan Greenway Section 6 – The design is in progress and 15% being worked. They are coordinating with utilities due to routes being used.
 - Occoquan Greenway Section 8 – Realignment is being worked of the natural surface trail off the path of stormwater retention. Work is also taking place on the road into Occoquan.
 - The Metz boardwalk extension of the PHNST has been updated and is in the final phase of the building plan review. They hope to start this in 2023. This addition will add around 2800 linear feet and cost around \$2M. They will utilize some old and new sections for the ultimate design.
- Patti reported on the following:
 - She said the trail blazing of the Landfill Discovery Trail (part of the Prince William County Eco-Park) was a go and she provided some Seafoam color spray paint. (this subsequently turned out to be too light and the blazers switched to Rust-Oleum Painter's Touch 2X Satin Wildflower Blue.)
 - There is gap analysis underway on three sections of the PHNST using VDOT and other funding with results expected in Spring 2023.
 - Parks will be looking for volunteers to help map attributes along the PHNST in PWC.
 - Research into which parts of parcels have land that should be parks and open space is underway. GIS is being updated as these are located.
 - Silver Lake Master Plan meeting is upcoming and dependent on Supervisor Candland's schedule.
 - The Belmont Bay redevelopment is expected to provide the next update to their plans in the upcoming weeks.
 - With the approval of the Digital Gateway Comp Plan amendment, it is up to Parks to make sure all the promised trails and other outdoor areas remain during actual development.

PWC Department of Planning. Bryce Barrett

- Bryce and Patti discussed the schedule for the 2024 budget process:
 - Capital Improvement Plan (CIP) is approved in spring and posted on Budget Web pages.

- Planning produces report for the Planning Commission in early March based on a working session at 6 PM on January 11th.
- Budget runs and results are visible in February/March.
- The BOCS votes on it in April.
- They are not expecting new sections in the CIP since there were no new bonds.
- Transportation projects are included.

PWC Transportation. Bryce Barrett

- Bryce reported on the following about the 2040 Comp Plan:
 - Three chapters of the 2040 Comp Plan went to the planning commission on November 9th and they were recommended for approval. Staff working on updates.
 - Currently the September version is only available.
 - They have the next version of the Mobility Chapter ready – it should be posted by Thanksgiving.
 - Recreational trails will be in tables along with the shared use paths.
 - “Planned” and “Proposed” trails and roads have been combined into simply “Planned”.
 - The trails map has been renamed “Countywide Trails Map” – simpler.
 - Not too many trail changes in next update.
 - Interjurisdictional policies updated.
 - In Battlefield Park, depending on how roads are closed there may be bike trails along the old 234 and 29. Plan tried to allow for this.
- Bryce announced that Bike-to-Work Day in 2023 will take place on May 19th. There will be nine pit stops in the county including Tackett’s Mill and Haymarket Cycles. They are looking for a volunteer to run the Manassas VRE and the Kelly Leadership Building.
- Discussions about Transportation plans and county webpages – projects are grouped by supervisor district. T&BC members should monitor their district and then bring issues up to the council. The reports looked at breaks out biped modes which makes it harder to follow.
- A question from the council was raised about Prince William Parkway Sidewalk over I-95. The current proposal is for a sidewalk and the council was advocating more robust facilities, particularly considering another pedestrian fatality earlier this month.
 - The Prince William Parkway Sidewalk over I-95 project is in the process of beginning the Design/PE phase. We’re in the process of completing the standard project agreement with VDOT to administer the project. The project scope that was funded focuses on a sidewalk but during the design phase there will be further opportunities for input on specific project elements. A shared use path was initially considered but due to availability of right of way and space on the bridge, a sidewalk was determined as the most feasible option without reconstructing the bridge over I-95. There are other factors that limit what can be done since the project goes over I-95 and there are limited access lines that have been established by the state/CTB. Since this is a federal project, design will take approximately 18 months, followed by a year for the right of way/utility phase, and another year for construction.

Presentations/Reports

Seek Permission to Work Remotely: Bill, Eileen

- Bill had a quick conversation with the county attorney – more discussion needed. He will follow-up. He hopes to have a resolution by the next T&BC meeting.

2040 Mobility Chapter November 9 Updates: Patti

- Patti realized that staff never responded to the 53 points in our suggested changes. In the future she suggested that item by item discussion should be part of the agenda when presented with a set of changes from the T&BC.

Organization Representatives' Time

Greater Prince William Trails Coalition (GPWTC). Eileen Sheridan, Vice Chair, Neil Nelson, Secretary

- Continue to move forward toward non-profit status.
- The second Sunday hike occurred on November 13th at the newer sections of the existing Dove's Landing Park in Manassas. 16 hikers participated.
- Various activities are being worked as follow-up to the NVRC Trails Summit in October. An after-action report is available.

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

- The Neabsco Cleanup happened on November 5th. There was not as much trash as in past cleanups likely due to the Bandalong.
- Lynda and Neil will support Patti at Neabsco during her Leadership Prince William talk on November 17th.

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

- MORE held a 30-year celebration and gala dinner in Maryland. Rich and Jason were both recognized for more than 40 hours of volunteer work this year.
- They continue to work on new mountain bike features at Locust Shade Park. December 2nd is their next workday.

Members' Time:

- Bill:
 - He asked about Patti's talk on the 17th. It was reiterated that this is not open to the public.
 - He participated in the Neabsco cleanup and saw a reduction in trash. He was happy to see many diverse groups helping
- Joe:
 - Showed a set of pictures from his hiking, biking and canoeing in Maine in October at Baxter State Park, Katahdin Woods and Water National Monument and Acadia National Park.
- Liz:
 - Happy to hear about changes to the Mobility Chapter. Looking forward to seeing its next release.
- Jason:
 - Eugene Loew, who cut some downed trees on the Landfill Eco Trail with help from Neil and Joe, is looking into the volunteer policy. Hopes to see next steps by next month.
- Lynda:
 - She cleaned the Bandalong and only had 3 bags of trash. She noted that more beavers are apparent in that area.
- Mike:
 - No comments.
- Duane:
 - No comments.

- Eileen:
 - No comments.
- Neil:
 - No comments.
- Amy:
 - No comments.
- Rich:
 - No comments.
- Raheel:
 - No comments.

Meeting Recap:

- Good discussions.

Next meeting agenda items:

- 2023 Officers – if interested in being an officer, please let Amy know.
- Approval of 2023 meeting schedule tentatively listed below:

Jan 24	Feb 28	Mar 28	Apr 25	May 23	June 27
July 25	Aug 22	Sept 26	Oct 24	Nov 28	Dec 19
- Approval of October and November 2022 meeting minutes
- More on Virtual Voting
- Council members and staff discussed the fact that the 2040 Mobility Chapter is scheduled to go to the BOCS for a public hearing and vote on December 13th, which is the same evening as the next TBC meeting. It seemed unlikely that the Council would be able to change the meeting date and still hope to have a quorum, which is needed so that we can elect next year's officers, therefore it was tentatively decided that we would hold a short meeting so that members who wanted to speak at the public hearing and support staff could get there in time. This has since been modified to a cancellation of the T&BC meeting in December (only 10 are required per year and we have had 11) with the next T&BC meeting in January.
- Agenda items for the January meeting should be forwarded to Liz by January 10th.

Next meetings:

At Hellwig: Full T&BC – January 24th at 6:30 PM.

Adjourn:

Meeting adjourned at 8:06 PM based on motion by Rich, second by Lynda