

Prince William County
TRAILS AND BLUEWAYS COUNCIL

Advisors to the Board of County Supervisors

Meeting Minutes
September 22, 2026; 6:30 PM

Attendance

District	Appointee	Present (in person)	Present (virtual)	Absent
At Large	Amy Latalladi-Fulton	✓		
	Bill McCarty			✓
Brentsville	Liz Cronauer	✓		
	Steve Cover			✓
Coles	Mike DePue	✓		
	Joe Marshall (CHR)	✓		
Gainesville	Duane Martin	✓		
	Ken Johnson	✓		
Neabsco	Jason Williams (VCHR)	✓		
	Rich Wilson			✓
Occoquan	Eileen Sheridan	✓		
	Neil Nelson (SEC)	✓		
Potomac	Jessie Citizen	✓		
	Kimberly Palacios	✓		
Woodbridge	David Brickley			✓
	Lynda Silverstrand	✓		

Staff members present: Bryce Barrett, Rob Boyd, Janet Bartnik.

Call to Order

The meeting was called to order by Joe at 6:30 PM.

Pledge of Allegiance

Administrative:

- Minutes of the August 25 TBC meeting were approved (motion: Lynda; 2nd Jason)

Citizen's Time None

County Agency Representatives

PWC Department of Parks and Recreation (DPR). Rob

- Pathways 2035 will be on Oct 20 BOCS agenda. DPR is expecting to do a presentation (instead of it being just part of the consent agenda).
- e-bikes: Chief Reid is coordinating with the Police Dept on an update of Chapter 17 (Park Regulations) of PWC code. BOCS approval will be needed.
- Potomac Shores: The developer is OK with the retention pond route for the connection to Cockpit Pt. DPR would do bridge work, and the developer would build the natural surface trail. Seeking to avoid interference with maintenance of the retention pond. DPR is discussing larger proffer issues with the developer.
- Powell's Creek crossing – no date yet for next stakeholder meeting. Geotech / archeology surveys still pending completion.
- Featherstone construction is wrapping up. Still mobilizing for phase 1 construction in Metz, in procurement process for phase 2.
- Preserve at Long Branch – property transfer not yet complete.
- Rocky Branch bridge opening was well attended.

PWC Transportation. Bryce

- on-road cycling course in Manassas - only 5 registered, no one showed. Will reschedule with WABA; have funding for more classes next year.
- Oct 3 – 3rd annual public safety expo and fall festival at McCoart.
- No news on VDOT plans for I-95 bridge over Neabsco Creek

PWC Planning.

- The Planning Office has not yet identified a representative to the TBC. Janet indicated the office is short on staff and may not be able to at this time.

Community Development Applications. Rob

- Destination Place – Rob submitted comments on the latest version of the application on Sep 23. DPR also met with the applicant earlier in the month and relayed the DPR concerns. No date yet for going to the Planning Commission. The applicant doesn't want to re-submit the application; it will depend on the extent of the PWC comments and how the applicant plans to respond.
- DPR did site walks for trail easements: along Wellington Rd, gap near Devlin tech park, and site for another data center campus. Planning for nature trails in woods, DPR to build.
- 400 – 500 acres coming to DPR through proffers.

Business Items:

- Endorsement of Pathways 2035: Prince William County Trails Master Plan. The TBC reviewed the draft resolution, finalized it, and approved it (motion: Duane; 2nd Lynda).

It is the same resolution the Parks Commission approved in August, with minor changes.

Presentations/Reports Robert Boyd.

- Route 234 Spreadsheet – Joe presented the spreadsheet he is using to track the gaps in bike / ped facilities on Rt 234 through the County
- Low Hanging Fruit Planning Discussion – seeking to establish a streamlined process for approving projects and engaging volunteers without going through the BOCS, or requiring 501c3 status & insurance requirements. Need to keep BOCS aware of maintenance costs, keep maintenance team in the loop. Plan annually, get into budget. Must consider how much more the maintenance team can do without new people; look at capacity. John Simkins will lead building what's in the plan; some projects will include volunteers.
- Flat Branch-lite implementation discussion – Rob indicated hesitation to call it low hanging fruit due to the length and two stream crossings. Lite implementation would involve CIP proposal for bridges at the crossings and volunteers for other work. Will visit the site with Ed or Thomas, project managers with bridge experience.
- Maritime Study update - DPR has draft. Focused on Potomac and Occoquan (lower). Opportunities for investment, maximize waterfront for tourism and citizen use, increase public access to water, brand the waterfront as PWC attraction. Finalize segments of PHSNT, endorses waterfront route from Occoquan to Belmont Bay.

Organization Representatives' Time

Greater Prince William Trails Coalition (GPWTC). Thanks to those who placed the Walk & Talk Wellness signs. Oct 2 – walk at Neabsco Boardwalk sponsored by Literacy Volunteers. Another walk will be at Silver Lake. GPWTC quarterly meeting will be on Oct 22.

Prince William Trails & Streams Coalition (PWTSC).

- Occoquan River cleanup is on Sep 26.

Mid Atlantic Off-Road Enthusiasts (MORE). Workday for bike trails at Meadowood Recreation Area on National Public Lands Day.

Parks Foundation. Fall meeting on Oct 3.

Members' Time:

- Liz – thanks to DPR staff for their work on the Pathways 2035 plan
- Duane – rode on trail from Silver Lake Park up to Waterfall Rd; Rob stated that DPR plans to fix issues on that segment and on segment out to Rt 15. There was an incident at Silver Lake Park between electric motorcycle and horse riders; Park Rangers have no law enforcement authority. Rode at Brandy Station Battlefield, owned by American Battlefield Trust, trying to add it to the state park system.

- Jason – e-bike presentation to LOCCA / PELT in November. Concern on e-moto use is growing. Seeing new people at Andrew Leitch.
- Lynda – asked Bryce about the extension of VanBuren Rd. It's in design, funding is through NVTa. Developers with rezoning plans are pushing for a realignment.
- Kimberly – saw Eileen staffing GPWTC table at REI. Thanks to DPR for the bus tour. Talked to crew team people at Lake Ridge Marina who expressed need for expanded crew facilities. Lake Manassas or the Potomac may be options for expansion.
- Jessie – soil tests were approved at Potomac Shores VRE station, which were the last pre-construction hurdle to building the platform. He bikes 75-100 miles per week; recently won the 6- and 12-mile sprints at senior Olympics hosted at Vint Hill Farm. Jessie is also a board member of the VA Bicycling Federation. Agrees that e-moto misuse is a growing issue.
- Joe – DPR bus tour this year was trail oriented. On e-bike, recently looked at Cannon Branch area and planned location of trails.

Next meetings:

- a. Follow up items / Requests of staff – Agenda setting October 9.
- b. October 27 T&BC Meeting 6:30 PM

Adjourn: The meeting adjourned at 8:50 pm