

Prince William County
TRAILS AND BLUEWAYS COUNCIL

Advisors to the Board of County Supervisors

Meeting Minutes
 December 14, 2021; 6:30 pm
Approved by the TBC on January 25, 2022

Attendance

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

Call to Order Meeting called to order at 6:33 PM

Pledge of Allegiance

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

Administrative Items. 2022 officers were selected.

Chair: Amy Latalladi-Fulton (second term)

Vice Chair: Liz Cronauer

Secretary: Joe Marshall

Citizens Time.

Charlie Grymes was present. He encouraged members to ask supervisors to make sure there is money earmarked for the Capital Improvement Plan in future years.

P-1 Draft Trail Plan.

- Eileen requested clarification on the process for adding proposed trails to the maps in the Mobility Chapter. Asked how we would find out if something doesn't get included. Eileen, Lynda and others asked for a way to be kept up to date with the DPRT map changes beyond a simple update in monthly meetings, i.e. see a data dump or whatever, so each District member can closely scrutinize any potential affects. Nothing was offered to meet this need.
- Connie Dalton noted that the Planning Office has collected comments from the interactive trails map and is sorting through comments to determine what is relevant. TBC input will be treated as public comment, and Planning will attempt to incorporate as many comments as appropriate/possible. Parks/Transportation comments are considered agency input.
- Eileen proposed that the TBC request updates on disposition of trail segment status changes.
- Connie encouraged the TBC to forward resolutions advocating for trail recommendations they feel strongly about.
- Gainesville. Patti Pakkala: Trying to work with Loudoun County on Mill to Mill Trail from Aldie to Beverly Mill. Duane Martin: The destruction of Bull Run Trail by VDOT during I-66 improvements is a symptom of inconsistency in trail maps that are in use. Ben Smith: Advocated for completing a connection to the I-66 side path at the Fairfax County border.
- Coles. Joe Marshall: Noted differences between maps from Parks, the Comprehensive Plan, and Greater Prince William Trails Coalition's aspirational trails map and advocated for multiple recommendations.
- Brentsville. Liz Cronauer: Many of the roads in Brentsville are two-lane roads with 45-mph speed limits that are used as commuter cut-throughs, so drivers tend not to be sympathetic to cyclists. Where possible, widened shoulders would be preferable to sharrows, as sharing the travel lane is not really an option for cyclists. Advocated for extension of the 234 Bypass trail across I-66 and for expansion of greenway parks and trails along streams.
- Woodbridge. Lynda Silverstrand: In pretty good shape now. Still trying to get from Belmont Bay to Occoquan. Eileen: Greater Prince William Trails Coalition is looking at connecting neighborhoods to trails in this district.
- Neabsco. Jason Williams: There appears to be great demand for trails – seeing evidence of a lot of use of recently-cleared trails. Hoping to convert some existing sidewalks to multi-use paths as development and repairs occur.
- Occoquan. Eileen Sheridan: The new park on Davis Ford Road does not show up on county maps yet. Neil Nelson: Russell Road shows a proposed trail along half of its length, but it stops abruptly before it connects with anything.
- Potomac. No current members from Potomac. Amy Latalladi-Fulton: Has not noted any major omissions. Would like to add blueways/put-ins where possible. Launch access is not very equitable – most are private or carry an entrance fee.

County Agency Representatives' Time

PWC Parks, Recreation and Tourism. Patti Pakkala.

- Harbor Drive Wellness Park opening soon.
- Locust Shade Mountain bike Trail grand opening a few weeks ago.
- Cloverdale Bridge work starting soon
- Doves Landing and Silver Lake Master Plan kickoff meetings in early 2022
- PHNST Flap Grant gap analysis studies underway for Dumfries and Occoquan sections.
- 290 acres were added to Parks' green layer on County Mapper – mostly for Powell's Creek Greenway between Minnieville Road and Lake Montclair and the section behind Four Seasons.
- County acquired 4 acres in the Thoroughfare neighborhood for a historic site.

PWC Department of Planning. Connie Dalton.

- Creating videos of summaries of some Comp Plan components, should be available in the next couple of weeks.
- Hoping to schedule a broad overview Planning Commission work session for Land Use, Mobility, and Housing at the end of January.
- Also seeking to host at the end of January an in-person citizen input session to discuss the Digital Gateway Comp Plan amendment.
- Looking at another in-person public engagement February 10.
- Independent Hill rezoning was scheduled for December 15, but has been deferred to late January/early February.

Transportation. Allan Yu.

- Working to incorporate trails into the Mobility Chapter.
- Continued discussions with DPRT about on-road trail design for various roadways, particularly in western corridors.

Organization Representatives' Time

Greater Prince William Trails Coalition. Eileen Sheridan. Coming to the end of the grant with the CCGIS that did the aspirational trails map. Next quarterly meeting is January 13; developing the agenda.

Prince William Trails & Streams Coalition. Neil Nelson. Planning a First Day Hike on the Occoquan Greenway. A cleanup is also planned for Neabsco Creek wetland at Metz Park in January.

Members' Time:

- Eileen – Met with Neil and Supervisor Boddye last week. Supervisor Boddye expressed interest in joining the First Day Hike.
- Neil – Rich Wilson was confirmed as a new Neabsco representative today.
- Lynda – Has been checking the Bandalong, and it is slowly collecting litter. Expecting to see more with more rain in the forecast.
- Mike – Thanked Joe Marshall for his hard work on the trails review.

- Joe – Visited his 49th national park – Cuyahoga Valley National Park in Ohio. Looking forward to going back in the summer.

Next meeting – January 25.

Adjourn Meeting adjourned at 9:39 PM