

Prince William County
TRAILS AND BLUEWAYS COUNCIL

Advisors to the Board of County Supervisors

Meeting Minutes
 February 22, 2022; 6:30 pm
Approved by the TBC on March 22, 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	VACANT			
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Occoquan	Eileen Sheridan	✓		
	Neil Nelson	✓		
Woodbridge	David Brickley	✓		
	Lynda Silverstrand	✓		

Call to Order The meeting called to order at 6:31 PM

Pledge of Allegiance

Citizens Time.

Charlie Grymes of the Greater Prince William Trails Coalition was present. He applauded efforts to add a table to the Comprehensive Plan listing trails and their details.

Veronica Tangiri attended on the virtual side. She is a water quality coordinator and asks that our efforts include keeping waterways and trails clean.

Administrative Items.

Please see attached slide deck from the meeting. Thank you, Patti for assembling and providing these.

Approval of Meeting Minutes.

Minutes of the January meeting were approved through a passed motion made by Lynda and seconded by Liz.

Minutes of the February Subcommittee meeting were approved through a passed motion made by Neil and seconded by Rich.

County Agency Representatives' Time

PWC Parks, Recreation and Tourism. Patti Pakkala.

- Posting of Robert Boyd's vacant GIS Analyst position to close on February 23rd. Hopefully this will lead to resuming mapping tasks.
- Ellis Barron Park meeting with supervisor and community to take place on February 24th.
- Proposed FY23 Budget presented by CXO to BOCS on February 15th.
 - Added maintenance (like grass cutting) for Jenkins ES fields, Potomac Shores MS fields, and Harbor Drive pollinator garden
 - Main focus for DPRT is park bond projects FY23-FY27
 - Budget Information can be found at:
 - <https://www.pwcva.gov/department/management-and-budget/fy2023-budget>
- Discussion led by David of the meal and cigarette taxes and the possibility of using some of that money to fund trail maintenance.
- Upcoming Development Application Reviews
 - PW Digital Gateway CPA (2nd submission) – discussion of Catharpin connections using easements.
 - Jefferson Plaza (2nd submission)
 - Compton Property (data center next to Manassas Mall)
- Use Development Application Processing Schedule (DAPS) to keep abreast of these
 - please go to: <https://www.pwcva.gov/department/planning-office/pending-planning-cases>
- Questions about or requesting maintenance should work through Patti. If something is out and needs maintenance, the general public should contact ParkCSD@PWCGov.org or call 703 792-7060.
- Discussions about setting up a trails volunteer program should be coordinated with Janet La Fleur of the Parks Department and will need to be worked with Patti.
- Brendon reported that more staff is coming to support the TBC and its activities.

PWC Department of Planning. Connie Dalton.

- February 10 –Community meeting at George Mason to present draft Land Use, Housing, and Mobility Chapters. Connie thanked TBC members for their participation.
- February 16 was a working meeting on the Land Use chapter and February 23rd will be a working meeting on the Mobility chapter.
- Pathway 2040 Updates available at: <https://www.pwcva.gov/department/planning-office/pathway-to-2040>

- Connie was asked about updates to the trail map in the Mobility section. They were still going through citizen comments and expected that would take 6 to 8 more weeks. It would be ready for the April Planning Commission meeting.

Transportation. George Phillips.

- Handed out large updates of the 234/Brentsville interchange map.
- Project now includes one bridge over the Route 234 travel lanes on the south/east side of the intersection. Connections to bike/pedestrian shared use paths shown on all connections except for the Route 234 bypass north/west.
- Questions were asked about whether there was sufficient right of way obtained for the bypass north/west connection and answers were promised for the next meeting.
- The design is expected to go to the BOS in May.
- Since no progress is being shown on providing the connections that are in the current comprehensive plan, David suggested that meetings should be setup to take our resolution about this intersection to our supervisors and state delegates to try to affect some changes before the design is locked down.
- Referencing the above failure to follow the comprehensive plan, Duane brought up item #7 on the TBC list of suggestions for the Comprehensive Plan and how these needs to become part of the engineering section of planning department efforts. This needs to have thinking changed – this is not an afterthought but should be geared to forethought. Brendon said he will bring this up in their meetings.

Presentations

Route 28 Bypass Project / George Phillips

- Latest history and status presented
 - Route 2B is current favored option
 - 55,000 vehicles use Route 28 daily today
- Latest map of the project presented
- Completion is 5-7 years away.
- There will be a 10-foot shared use path on one side – design will include connections to intersecting trails. George will keep us informed on status each month.

Comprehensive Plan/Mobility Chapter Staff Update: Patti/Connie

- Status of Mobility Plan trail map
 - Trails/Transportation plan will spell out each corridor where we have either and show what is missing and what priority by corridor. There still may be some disconnect with the Comprehensive Plan.
 - Actual trails plan and map still drafty as it is pretty much the same as what Robert left us. They are working through all the comments.
 - Eileen asked whether a trail not shown on the map would require a comprehensive plan update to add after this plan is adopted. Answer was yes. Strongly urged to include as many as possible so that trails are not lost due to process. If a road is widened with a trail alongside, there needs to be a line for it on the map. Connie countered that they don't want to stir up too much opposition to specific trail entries – pitting connectivity goals vs. private property concerns. Staff are dealing with the challenges of new maps where everyone can dive down much further than paper maps ever allowed.

- Status of Policies/Action Strategies text
 - Present to PC on February 23rd
- Travel Demand Modeling to begin once Land Use Chapter is approved; 6 to 8 weeks to complete analysis. Bike/Pedestrian usage are included in the models as reduced numbers of vehicle trips.
- Duane asked about measures of efficiency and how well performance accounts for the transportation network. He also asked whether the models were deterministic or stochastic. Answers were promised at the next meeting.
- Rec Trails Policies/Action Strategies to be edited during traffic demand modeling.
- Chapter PC Public Hearing now likely late April/ early May
- The Rec Trails Policies/Action Strategies to be edited during traffic demand modeling.

Comprehensive Plan Update –TBC

- The list of 11 comments on the Mobility Plan that were developed at the February 15th TBC Subcommittee meeting were reviewed. Small changes were made and a 12th comment was added.
- Motion made to accept these 12 comments and provide them to DPRT staff passed unanimously.
- The 12 comments are attached to these minutes. They were provided to DPRT staff early on February 23rd so they could be utilized at their working meeting that evening.

Organization Representatives' Time

Greater Prince William Trails Coalition. Eileen Sheridan.

- A quarterly meeting was held in January which included both Manassas and Manassas Park participation.
- Efforts are underway to create the next version of the Aspirational Map.

Prince William Trails & Streams Coalition. Neil Nelson.

- A cleanup is planned for Neabsco Creek wetland at Metz Park on March 5th.
- A cleanup on Marumsco Creek and Metz Park is planned for April 2nd.
- Planning is underway to bring back the Tour of the Towns bike rides this summer. More detail forthcoming.

Members' Time:

- Liz:
 - Recommended some future brainstorming to find maintenance funding to keep trails in good shape.
- Joe:
 - Hikes the Neabsco Boardwalk and Metz Wetland for the first time...the boardwalk is great and it was very crowded on President's Day. Asked about the Wetland trails that need a lot of work. Response was that the boardwalk is planning to be extended by the CIP funding.
 - Also asked about when Doves Landing planning was going to commence – no date yet according to Patti.
- Jason:
 - Invited Supervisor Angry to talk about the Aspirational Trail Map on March 9th at 2 PM.
 - Meeting on Quartz District on February 28th at 1:30 PM.
- Rich:
 - Recommended a "Kid's Ride" at Andrew Leitch Park. Patti suggested coordinating this with Janet.

- Neil:
 - Maintenance was out quickly for a downed tree this past month.
 - Asked if OK to approach someone about a potential trail across an easement needed for connectivity – yes.
- Eileen:
 - Supporting trails does not necessarily translate to supporting a specific development. If the Neabsco Greenway is shown to spur to the Quartz District, it should not mean that the TBC supports the Quartz District but only the expansion of the Neabsco Greenway.
 - On March 10th there will be a Town Hall with Supervisor Boddye and the Transportation Department.
 - Need consistent funding source for trails – how to tie to transportation
- David:
 - Public trails need to be put in at beginning otherwise, hard to get HOA support – cited Occoquan Greenway history.
 - HOAs not mini states; county wide view is better for trails
 - Requested looking into Ray’s Grants for VDOT.
- Duane:
 - At Long Park, rip rap for stream restoration put in wrong place and made trail crossings difficult – showed photos. How to prevent this in future – staff response is this happened before coordination was normal process. Future views must be from all angles, not just one department’s view.
 - Trail under 66 done by VDOT is beautiful though still closed. Connection to Mayhew Park is still swampy in places and blocked-in others. This trail is key to Fairfax County Bull Run Loop Trail plans. He is/has walked this with Supervisor Candland to search for ways to fix this.

Next Meeting Agenda:

- Jason requested a DPRT organization chart
- Requested that the Mobility Plan Trail Map and Plan be available for review by that meeting.
- Requested Janet explain the Adopt a Park and Trails programs so these could be considered as models for a trails volunteer program. This should include any guidelines.
- Liz will work to get the agenda to Patti the week before, March 15th.

Next Meeting:

6:30 PM at Hellwig: Full TBC - March 22nd.

Adjourn: Meeting adjourned at 9:22 PM