

Prince William County  
**TRAILS AND BLUEWAYS COUNCIL**

Advisors to the Board of County Supervisors

Meeting Minutes  
 September 28, 2021; 6:30 pm

Attendance

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

**Call to Order** Meeting called to order at 6:34

**Pledge of Allegiance**

**Approval of August Meeting Minutes.** Minutes of the August meeting were approved.

**Administrative Items.** Joe Marshal was welcomed to the TBC, attending his first meeting as an appointee.

**Citizens Time.**

No citizens present.

## **County Agency Representatives' Time**

### **PWC Parks, Recreation and Tourism. Robert Boyd.**

- New trail section at the landfill (about 2 miles) is open. Includes a section of boardwalk and runs along the northwestern edge of the landfill behind the sports fields at Colgan High School.
- Met at Forest Greens to discuss future trails and disc golf course.
- Ribbon cutting at Belmont Bay was September 26. Good turnout.
- Featherstone refuge – completed permitting for the second time. Seeking funds to finish the project.
- Broad Run Greenway – in design for a new bridge location.
- Catharpin Greenway – not a lot of funding, but working on an issue with a deteriorating bridge.
- Occoquan Greenway section 3 is ready for permitting, section 4 will be ready for Job Order Contract (JOC) soon.
- Neabsco Greenway – acquiring land for bridge replacement project.
- Harbor Drive Park has a small loop trail that should be done by the end of November.
- Neabsco Creek Wetlands boardwalk is still in permitting.
- Rippon Lodge ADA improvements have been completed to connect parking lots to buildings.
- Wrapping up Hellwig Park projects, including other ADA projects.
- Powell's Crossing – working on the RFP.
- Locust Shade – finished all the bridges, most of the trail connections, added at least ten wooded features to the advanced section of the mountain biking trails. About 90-95% complete.

### **PWC Department of Planning. Connie Dalton.**

- Triangle Small Area Plan – scheduled to go to Board of County Supervisors on October 19.
- Belmont Bay – first round of public comments is being reviewed.
- Working on Land Use and Housing Chapters of the Comprehensive Plan, which will be followed by Mobility. Hoping to have a Planning Commission work session for Land Use and Housing in October.
- Interactive Trails Map is almost ready for publication. Hoping to have it ready to distribute in about a week. Trail data is based on the 2016 Comprehensive Plan, but it also includes more updated Parks trail information, and it will continue to be updated. TBC members were disappointed that the data posted for public comment was outdated and did not include more recent data from the Greater Prince William Trails Coalition's Aspirational Trails Map. TBC requested that Parks evaluate and insert appropriate inputs in advance of public comment if possible.

### **Transportation. George Phillips / Allan Yu.**

- October is Pedestrian Safety Month. George shared a handout with Northern Virginia pedestrian/vehicle crash data.

### **P-1 Mobility Chapter Update. Rob Boyd.**

- Parks went before the Planning Commission for a work session on September 15.

### **P-2 DPRT Projects Update. Brendan Hanafin.**

- Largely covered in Parks, Recreation and Tourism section above.

### **P-3 Transportation Projects.** George Phillips

- Rt. 123 STARS (Strategically Targeted Affordable Roadway Solutions study): George presented some draft alternatives for the intersection of Old Bridge Road and Rt. 123. No funding allocated yet.
- Belmont Bay: Proffer Amendment application has been submitted to change development scheme. New proposal includes more residential, less commercial, as well as a road diet on Belmont Bay Drive. Should reduce traffic impact from 13,000 to 9,300 daily trips. It is not clear that the parking plan for nonresident park users is viable.

### **Organization Representatives' Time**

**Greater Prince William Trails Coalition.** Eileen Sheridan. Working on agenda for Oct 21 meeting. Aspirational Trails Map is maturing.

**Prince William Trails & Streams Coalition.** Neil Nelson. Ed Dandar sent around cleanup results, which are also posted on the PWTSC website.

### **Members' Time:**

- Duane – Seeing a lot more people out on trails, likely due to continued COVID restrictions. Duane also presented a photo of the crossing under I-66 at Manassas National Battlefield Park. Progress appears to have halted for now, and the crossing is still not open. Hoping to see some trail improvements on Ben Lomond side (erosion repair) of the trail.
- Lynda – Talked to Tim Hughes, asked for an update on the Bandalong. Trees are still taped but have not been cut down to make room for installation. Expected to be complete by end of October or the beginning of November.
- Joe – Visited three national parks over the last month.
- Neil – Occoquan Greenway map is posted on the kiosk at Lake Ridge Park.
- Liz – Liz and Tom Coyle met with Jeannine Lawson today, marked up Brentsville trails map. Also discussed improving safety of interchanges along 234 Bypass.
- Mike – Expressed appreciation for the work Ed Dandar has done to coordinate cleanups.
- Eileen – Urged members to be careful “replying all” to emails to ensure the right people are included on your reply. The Northern Virginia Regional Commission held a Potomac National Scenic Trail focus group to solicit input. Attendance was a small, diverse group. Input included more public transit to get to trails, and more restrooms and signage along trails.
- Amy – Agrees about public transit access to trails. Participated in an International Coastal Conservancy/Ocean Conservancy cleanup on Kingman Island.

**Next meeting** – October 26.

**Adjourn** Meeting adjourned at 9:26