

Prince William County
TRAILS AND BLUEWAYS COUNCIL

Advisors to the Board of County Supervisors

Meeting Minutes
 July 26, 2022; 6:30 pm
Approved by the T&BC on August 23, 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	Raheel Sheikh			✓
	VACANT			
Occoquan	Eileen Sheridan	✓		
	Neil Nelson		✓	
Woodbridge	David Brickley			✓
	Lynda Silverstrand	✓		

Call to Order

The meeting was called to order by Amy Latalladi-Fulton at 6:32PM.

Pledge of Allegiance

Administrative:

- There wasn't a quorum, so the June meeting minutes were not approved.

Citizen's Time.

- Charlie Grymes addressed the Council regarding the Clover Hill/234 Bypass Interchange project. He said that the accommodations for bike lanes are minimal and that the Council should review the plans. The citizen group, Active Prince William has posted their commentary on their

website which can be viewed at this address: [Our Input for the Route 234-Clover Hill Road Bowtie Intersection | Active Prince William \(activepw.org\)](#)

- Council members requested a follow-up presentation on the design from Transportation for the August meeting,

County Agency Representatives

PWC Department of Parks, Recreation and Tourism. Brendon Hanafin

- Brendon announced that he is leaving Prince William County in two weeks to become the Director of Planning and Development for the Fairfax County Park Authority. Council members wished Brendon the best of luck and the greatest success in this new position.
- Dove's Landing – a public meeting was held on July 14th in the Kelly Leadership Center conference room. It was very well-attended with 87 people present and 40 attending virtually. DPRT will be going to the BOCS in September for the master plan approval and will request that all 500 acres are placed in a conservation easement.
- After that they will begin working on the master plans for Silver Lake, Thoroughfare Gap, and Shenandoah Park (located on Bristow Road between Brentsville and George Hellwig Park).
- They had a successful meeting with the Lake Ridge Parks & Recreation Association (HOA). Occoquan GW status:
 - Segment 6 – in design –new flood plain maps expected soon
 - Segment 8 – Tanyard Hill – retaining wall and sidewalk – ready to start in July – shooting for 8 foot wide
- Working on trail blazes along Rippon Blvd. between Neabsco Park and the VRE Station.
- National Park Service \$100K grant will be used to provide accessible parking spaces along Blackburn Rd. in Neabsco Regional Park to facilitate access to the Neabsco Boardwalk.
- Cloverdale Park bridge replacement project should be finished in about 3 weeks. Rich Wilson and Jason Williams will coordinate with Neabsco District Supervisor Angry and his staff to conduct a “walk and talk” of the Cloverdale project. Supervisor Angry’s staff will engage PWC and establish communication with appropriate PWC staff for a future ribbon cutting.
- Jason asked what specific things Council members could do to facilitate trail development and win hearts and minds of the public. Council members and staff suggested the following actions:
 - Attending public meetings and speaking out positively
 - Making resolutions to the Board of Supervisors to back trail projects
 - Talking frequently to our board members
 - Publicizing and attending ground-breaking and ribbon-cutting ceremonies for park and trail projects to give board members positive feedback on the projects.

PWC Department of Planning. Connie Dalton

- 2040 Mobility chapter:
 - After one more edit to the Trails Map, the Trail Plan Map and 2040 Mobility Chapter text will be available for review.
 - Some comments from the T&BC concerning “requiring” vs “requesting” trails to be built are not appropriate as language in the Comprehensive Plan but could be inserted into the Zoning Ordinance. Planning has suggested the following wording to the Action Strategies section: *“Encourage residential rezoning applications to incorporate trails open to the general public which provide enhanced connectivity to existing and proposed trails.”*

- Patti is working on a table of trail projects for the Mobility Chapter that will include trail endpoints.
- Eileen asked for clarification on whether the Quartz District development's trails will be open to the public or not, and Lynda asked the same question about Belmont Bay. Connie said she would check on this.
- Bryce Barrett researched the development process to find out why some developments (by-right as well as others) that contain trails from the Comprehensive Plan sometimes do not build the trails when the parcels are developed. He found that the Fairfax County Public Facilities Manual, (PFM), which is equivalent to the Design and Construction Standards Manual, (DCSM) in Prince William County, contains a statement that *requires* that planned trails be built. The DCSM does not contain an equivalent statement.
- If changes are significant, they may have to rerun the transportation model. Otherwise, they hope to release comp plan updates in a week after the next board review.

PWC Transportation. George Phillips

- 2040 Mobility update: the revised transit and trail plan maps will be uploaded later this week, however the road plan requires remodeling because of changes to the plan requested by the Supervisors last week.
- Transportation has asked that the Quartz District development, located at the intersection of the PW Parkway and Minnieville Rd., adhere to the Small Area Plan bike trail recommendations. They are also asking for future interparcel access in the event that the residential area at the west end of the project would redevelop.

Organization Representatives' Time

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

- Trail Summit: GPWTC is planning a Trail Summit on October 20th with NVRC at their Headquarters in Annandale, VA. Attendees will include the National Park Service and many other area organizations. The purpose is to introduce the organizations to each other and discuss ways to coordinate efforts to provide and promote trails in the Northern Virginia.

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

- The Occoquan River cleanup will take place on September 24th
- A Neabsco Boardwalk cleanup will take place on November 5th

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

- More held their annual meeting at Locust Shade Park. 120 people attended, including folks from as far away as Maryland. The meeting featured clinics on bike maintenance, rides for riders of different ages and abilities, and discussion of future plans for more mileage and features at Locust Shade as well as additional trails at Forest Greens Golf Course.
- Jason also said that he has noticed more trail users at Locust Shade and Brendon mentioned that they were going to install a user counting mechanism.

Members' Time:

- Bill McCarty:
 - No comments.
- Duane:

- Attended Doves Landing Hearing and noted that most people want more park access, only a few wanted to keep it undeveloped.
- Asked if there was any new status on the Catharpin Greenway of the Long Park stream crossings. These can be added to next month's agenda.
- Noted that the Virginia Department of Conservation and Recreation has put out a survey about trail uses and encourages people to look it up and fill it out: [Virginia Outdoors Plan](#)
- Eileen:
 - No comments
- Jason:
 - Ran into Ed Dandar while shopping and had a great time catching up and Ed seemed to be doing well.
- Liz:
 - When the new Trail Plan is released, it would be useful for Council members to ensure that their projects are on the map and inform their supervisors. Also, the Council suggested 12 items for the Mobility Plan Policy and Action Strategy section and it may not be straightforward to determine whether these were included in the revised text. She has created a written list that outlines what we were trying to achieve and suggests where the revisions might show up. She will share it with other Council members as a word document that they can use/edit as they see fit.
- Lynda:
 - Noted that her shoulder has healed well and that Tim Hughes placed the small bandalong on the un-named tributary to Neabsco Creek.
- Neil:
 - Currently in Minneapolis where he is taking advantage of their great trail and linear park systems.
 - There is potential for Micron to install additional litter traps at Marumsco Creek and on an un-named tributary of Neabsco Creek.
 - Hopes that we will not have issues with public access to the trails in the Belmont Bay development.
- Rich:
 - No comments.

Meeting Recap:

- This was Brendan's last meeting with the T&BC

Next meeting agenda:

- Tim Miner presentation on Dangerous Intersections
- New 2040 Comp Plan updates
- Updates to the Quartz District and Belmont Bay developments
- Updates on the Clover Hill /234 Bypass interchange design
- Other agenda items should be forwarded to Liz by August 10

Next meetings:

At Hellwig: Full T&BC – August 23 at 6:30 PM.

Adjourn:

Meeting adjourned at 7:59 PM