

Prince William County
TRAILS AND BLUEWAYS COUNCIL

Advisors to the Board of County Supervisors

Meeting Minutes
 November 16, 2021; 6:30 pm
Approved by the TBC on December 14, 2021

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 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 6:34

Pledge of Allegiance

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

Administrative Items.

Citizens Time.

No citizens present.

County Agency Representatives' Time

PWC Parks, Recreation and Tourism. Patti Pakkala.

- Seth Hendler Voss recorded a state of the parks address. The video is posted to parks website, and can be accessed directly here: <https://youtu.be/cVe7RMW8wj8>.
- Locust Shade trails ribbon cutting is scheduled for Friday, November 19 at 2:30
- A new kiosk has been installed by Mid-Atlantic Off-Road Enthusiasts (MORE) at Locust Shade Park. A bike maintenance stand will be also installed soon.
- VA DOT is adding comments to the on-road trail proposals.
- The Planning Department is finalizing updates to the crowdsourcing trails map, which will continue to be updated throughout the Comprehensive Plan process.
- Moved 309 acres into Parks green GIS layer – mostly land proffered for the Powell's Creek Greenway between Minnieville Road and Lake Montclair.
- Rezoning updates:
 - Development Application Processing Schedule (DAPS):
<https://www.pwcva.gov/department/planning-office/pending-planning-cases>
 - Independent Hill: REZ2018-00028 (237 single family homes)
 - Belmont Bay: PRA2022-00001 and SUP2022-00002
 - Jefferson Plaza redevelopment: REZ2022-00003 (24 affordable multifamily apartments)
 - Digital Gateway: CPA2021-00004 (data centers off Pageland Drive)

PWC Department of Planning. Connie Dalton.

- The Land Use chapter update for the comp plan will look at a total of eight activity centers and two redevelopment corridors.
- A Planning Commission work session for the Land Use chapter was held October 20. Highlighted four of the activity centers: Dumfries & I-95, Haymarket, I-66 & Route 29, Potomac Mills.
- Remaining activity centers to be reviewed are: Bethlehem Road, Fairgrounds, Liberia & PW Parkway, Yorkshire.
- Redevelopment corridors are Route 1 and Sudley Road.
- A trails/mobility component is provided for each activity center.
- Updates are being completed to the data provided to the Planning Office for the interactive crowdsourcing trails map. Once these technical and data updates have been incorporated, the map will be made available to the public.

Transportation. George Phillips / Allan Yu.

- November 30 at the Ferlazzo Building, a Street Smarts testimonial wall will be on display to raise awareness of pedestrian safety.
- George distributed “Share Virginia Roads” guidebooks, which give an overview of recently-passed laws.
- Mobility Chapter updates:
 - <https://www.pwcva.gov/department/planning-office/pathway-to-2040-mobility>
 - Several new goals and strategies are under consideration. See slides 12 and 18 here: <https://eservice.pwcgov.org/planning/documents/CPU/Mobility/Road%20Network%20and%20Trails%20PC%20PPT%2020210915.pdf>
- Recently-completed Planning Commission work sessions:
 - Road Network and Trails September 15
 - Transit November 3
- Transportation & Parks are working with Cities of Manassas and Manassas Park to propose striping and signage projects to increase bike and pedestrian mobility in Euclid Ave/Signal Hill area.

P-1 Neabsco Creek Hike Report. Jason Williams.

- Jason presented slides about Greater Prince William Trails Coalition’s initiative to explore areas identified for potential trail additions.
- Presented his exploration of the area between Darbydale Avenue and Cloverdale Park and the area between Benita Fitzgerald Drive and I-95 as part of a potential extended Neabsco Greenway.
- Most of the proposed trail sections would require minimal engineering and construction. Some minor trouble areas with poor drainage, steep slopes, or safety concerns (cliffs). The County would need to acquire much of the land, however.

P-2 Trail Update. Joe Marshall.

- Joe presented some slides from a trails update he recently made to members of his community.
- Joe also discussed potential connections to the I-66 trail from the end of Balls Ford Road and presented observations and questions having hiked the new landfill trail prior to the meeting.
- Joe has planned a Test the Trails hike of the landfill trail for GPWTC on November 21st.

Organization Representatives’ Time

Greater Prince William Trails Coalition. Eileen Sheridan. Have been focusing on the “test a trail” initiative and working with Parks on finalizing the grant for the aspirational trails map.

Prince William Trails & Streams Coalition. Neil Nelson. Did a cleanup at Neabsco Boardwalk last Saturday with 75+ volunteers. March 5 is the target for the spring cleanup. The Bandalong has been installed, with the official grand opening planned for November 17.

Members' Time:

- Ed – Ed is a founding member of the TBC and will be stepping down at the end of the year. He will also be handing off leadership of the Adopt-a-Trail program.
- Eileen – Supervisors Boddye and Angry hosting a mobility/transportation chapter townhall tonight.
- Neil – joined Jason on some of his “test a trail” activities.
- Ben – also departing at the end of 2021.
- Liz – joined Jason and Neil on the Neabsco hike from Darbydale to Cloverdale as well.
- Joe – Started and read parts of a book on urban cycling recently that had been recommended by George.
- Jason – Supervisor Angry is evaluating potential candidates to fill the vacant Neabsco TBC representative position. Jason provided some copies of Locust Shade trail maps to the group. A group of organizations (Soil & Water District, National Wildlife Refuge, others) conducted a cleanup November 12 and collected 14 tires and (20) 33-gallon bags of trash.
- Amy – At the next meeting, the TBC will discuss the draft interactive trails map that the Planning Office is preparing to publish.

Next meeting – December 14.

Adjourn Meeting adjourned at 8:42