

TRAILS & SIDEWALKS COMMITTEE

Meeting Minutes, April 8, 2015

Members Present:

Peter Christensen, Chair (Mount Vernon); Jeff Anderson (Hunter Mill); Ken Comer (at-large); Liz Cronauer (Park Authority); Paul Johnson (NVBIA); Thomas Kennedy (Braddock); Wade Smith (Dranesville); Mark Tipton (FCFCA); Bob Michie (Lee)

Fairfax County Staff Present:

Chris Wells, Pedestrian Program Manager, Fairfax Co. Department of Transportation

Call to Order:

Chairman Peter Christensen called the meeting to order at 7:10 pm. Peter Christensen agreed to take minutes for the meeting.

Approval of Minutes:

The minutes for the March 8, 2015 meeting were approved without addition or correction.

General

A joint meeting with the Transportation Advisory Commission is scheduled for May 5 at the Legato Road FCDot building.

Staff Reports

Bicycle Coordinator:

This position has not yet been filled.

Pedestrian Coordinator:

- The VDot repaving schedule is a moving target Chris will send link.
- Process for trail and sidewalk waivers is being finalized. Two additional staff are being hired in the site analysis section and will cover both those process by zoning request and site plans. Should be effective May 1. Bike and Ped Coordinator will still provide staff support for this committee.
- PFM changes (regarding justification of waivers) is to be sent to the BOS April 28 (announcement) Planning Commission (for hearings) and BOS June 23 for finalization.

- Volunteer trail maintenance program approval on hold until Bicycle Coordinator position is filled.

General Discussion

- Mark Tipton lead a discussion on the need for trail information/historical wayside signs. They are expected to cost \$2,500 for a 3' x 2' sign. He authored a letter to BOS/Park Authority. This is not to be in place of any other spending. The Committee agreed to support the concept and will be referenced in the letter.
- Jeff Anderson is working to bring a Safe Routes to Schools advocate to the July meeting.
- The Northern Virginia Transportation Authority (NVTA) has general oversight of regional programs involving mass transit or congestion mitigation, including, but not necessarily limited to, carpooling, vanpooling, and ridesharing. Long-range regional planning, both financially constrained and unconstrained. This Committee needs to look for ways to incorporate bicycles as part of this.

Adjournment:

Chairman Christensen adjourned the meeting at 8:30 pm.

Submitted by: Peter Christensen