

Fairfax County Trails, Sidewalks and Bikeways Committee

Meeting Notes

Regular Meeting – 7:00pm, July 11th

Location:

Location: Fairfax County Government Center, 12000 Government Center Pkwy, Fairfax, VA 22035,
Conference Room 8

Web Site: <https://www.fairfaxcounty.gov/transportation/trails>

Note-Taker: Karl Liebert

Committee Members in Attendance: Jim Klein (Mount Vernon), Stiven Foster (Providence), Karl Liebert (Springfield), Karen Ampeh (Sully), Soledad Portilla (Northern Virginia Builder's Industry Association), Chester Freedenthal (Fairfax Area Disability Services Board), Mark Tipton (Fairfax County Federation of Citizens Associations), Elizabeth Cronauer (FCPA), James Albright (Mason, pending Board approval), Robert W. Michie (Lee)

Committee Members Absent: Representative At-Large and Chair Ken Comer, Jeff Anderson (Hunter Mill), Wade H. B. Smith (Dranesville), Chris Maimone (Washington Area Bicyclist Association), Tom McFarland (Fairfax County Park Authority), Katie McDaniel (Clifton Horse Society), Dan Iglhaut (Northern Virginia Regional Park Authority), Robert Cosgriff (Braddock),

Others in Attendance:

Sophia (DPZ)

Chris Wells (FCDOT)

Mackenzie Jarvis (FCDOT)

Bob Pikora (FCDOT)

Zachary Krohmal (FCDOT)

The meeting was called to order by Stiven Foster at 7:05 pm.

Agenda and Discussion Topics

Approval of the Minutes

The meeting notes from the June, meeting were approved by voice vote with amendment.

Presentation – Huntley Meadow Trail

Huntley Meadows planned trails are slated for removal from their respective master plans. The proposed amendments are 2018-IV-BK1 and 2018-IV-TR1. The rationale for their removal is environmental impacts.

Elizabeth Cronauer provided some historical perspective and explained the challenges to constructing the trails for example boggy and wet conditions.

The park has extensive “community trails” that users have worn in that are not part of the park plan.

Stiven Foster requested a better explanation of the environmental impact.

Karen Ampeh offered that constructing the planned trails would encourage focused use and decrease the impetus for informal trails.

Jim Klein offered to query Supervisor Stork about why these trails are being removed from plans.

Rob offered to query Supervisor McCabe about why these trails are being removed from plans.

Stiven requested the FCPA come back with a better description of the environmental impacts and engineering challenges.

Committee carried a motion to review impacts and challenges at the August meeting.

Staff Report

- Staffing:

- **Mackenzie** was introduced at the last meeting.
- **Lauren Delmar** will be the new pedestrian manager. She brings with her extensive experience with bicycle infrastructure and skill in CAD.
- **Staffing goals** are oriented towards succession planning and to:
 - Improve customer service
 - Increase community outreach activities. Much of this effort was cut due to funding and available personnel, but can be expanded now.
 - Build stronger alliances with other government agencies like schools, parks, and human services.

Other Business

- **Charter update:** the committee charter will not make it on the July BOS agenda. New target is the September BOS meeting. The Trails Sidewalks, and Bikeways committee will have a chance to review the latest draft of the charter at the meeting August 8.
- **TPP funding** has been restricted/diverted to support DC Metro. The impacts to current projects is being assessed and will be presented later. Projects may be deferred or deleted. The BOS will be reviewing impacts at a televised meeting in a week.
- **I-66 Outside the Beltway** project recap was project with the following status updates.
 - Current focus is on off-corridor trail segments
 - These reroutes are much more expensive than anticipated
 - One off-road segment near 66 and Ox is running into wetlands issues. The original plan was to avoid the wetlands by going through the Fair Lakes, but the Peterson Corporation will fight disturbance to existing landscaping and sidewalks.
 - Other problem segments were listed.
 - Funding for these off-corridor segments is not part of the I-66 project, so keeping the expense constrained is important.
- **FCPA E-Bike regulation** - FCPA lawyers determined that the park authority does not have the authority to regulate E-bike usage in the parks.

New Business

- **Bike lane Paving Program**
 - New bike lane plans are currently emerging
 - 2019 paving plans are beginning now
 - Zack and Nicole are working on an accurate GIS layer of current bike routes and another of the Bike Master Plan
- **Bicycle Master Plan and Trails Plan:** FCDOT are hoping to update these in 2019. The approach is to combine these plans into a comprehensive map. A key aspect of the plan will be to provide general trail routes such that engineers have the flexibility to take into account current traffic and best practices.
- **Ride sharing company Lyft** bought design and engineering artifacts from bike share company Motivate. Motivate retains the Bike Share operations and the name trademark.
- **Driver's Education Campaign Proposal** emailed out to members by McKenzie. McKenzie provided a brief overview. Members can review the proposal and provide McKenzie with comments directly or bring them to the committee meeting.

Announcements and Adjournment

The meeting was adjourned at 9:00 p.m.

Upcoming Events/Other Meetings:

Title	Date	Time	Location
Bike to Worship Week	August 13 – 19		Various

Upcoming Trails, Sidewalks and Bikeways Committee Meetings:

Date	Time	Location
8/8/2018	7:00pm	Conference Room 8
9/12/2018	7:00pm	Conference Room 8
10/10/2018	7:00pm	Conference Room 8
11/14/2018	7:00pm	Conference Room 8
12/12/2018	7:00pm	Conference Room 8