

Fairfax County Trails and Sidewalks Committee

Meeting Minutes 14 February, 2018

The meeting was called to order by Vice-chairman Robert Cosgriff (Braddock District) at 7:07 p.m.

Attendees: Robert Cosgriff (Braddock District), Karl Liebert (Springfield District), Stiven Foster (Providence District), Liz Cronauer (FCPA), Nicole Wynands (FCDOT staff).

Vice-chair Robert Cosgriff welcomed new member, Stiven Foster (Providence), to the committee.

Since there was not sufficient representation to allow for meaningful voting on any business, the approval of the January, 2018 meeting minutes was held over to the March, 2018 meeting.

For information purposes, Nicole Wynands announced two public meetings pertaining to Rolling Road widening (27 February at Irving Middle School) and Mount Vernon Trail extension 14 March at Mt. Vernon High School).

There will be a public meeting at Oak View Elementary on 1 March at 7:00 p.m. for the Braddock District VDOT repaving projects for 2018. Public meetings for other districts either have been held or are scheduled. VDOT representatives will do the presentation, with FCDOT staff present. Last year, there was a public meeting for each project. This year, there is one district-wide meeting for all projects within a given district.

Nicole mentioned that the proposed Transportation Priority Plan for FY20-FY23 has not been finalized pending the results of the current General Assembly budget deliberations and the "veto session" in April. This will determine the actual funding available to the County for TPP projects.

There was a brief discussion of the "bike share" program. There are some issues that need further study, so the County is "going slow" on expanding this program for now until all issues are resolved.

There was a brief discussion of "Bike to Work Week" (no dates given) with an increased number of "pit stops" at several new locations. FCDOT is also working on "Bike to Worship" and "Bike to Market" events for later in the year. Focus is on getting more people into alternative modes of transportation, and to highlight the biking resources in Fairfax County.

There was a brief discussion of the "off-corridor" (connecting trail) projects connected with the I-66 Outside-the-Beltway (OTB) project. This mega-project is in the design stage now.

FCPA has been asked by the Northern Virginia Regional Park Authority (NVRPA) to discuss the issue of e-bikes on park trails. Because the two park authorities try to keep their rules in conformity, this will require some deliberations between the two staffs and boards to arrive at a common policy. NVRPA has been approached to allow e-bikes to use the W & OD trail and the mountain bike trails at Fountainhead Regional Park (and perhaps other NVRPA trails at other parks). Currently, in FCPA properties, "motorized vehicles (except for authorized service or emergency vehicles) are not allowed on trails. The big issue is the speeds

at which these bikes can go. FCPA representative Liz Cronauer will brief the T & S committee more fully at the next meeting in March.

The FCDOT staff that supports the committee is presently three incumbents short of full strength. The vacant positions have been advertised and closed, and interviews will commence shortly. It might be June before new incumbents come on board.

The new Trails, Sidewalks and Bikeways Committee charter will go to the BOS in April for approval.

All the above discussion items were informational in nature. There were no votes on any matters, nor were any other decisions made by those present.

There being no further matters to discuss, the meeting was adjourned at 8:42 p.m.

Submitted,

Robert W. Cosgriff
Vice-chairman