

Minutes, **Fairfax County Trails and Sidewalk Committee** meeting December 10, 2008

Attending: Wade Smith Dranesville, Doug Pew Hunter Mill, Peter Christensen Mt Vernon, Roger Diedrich Providence, Jan Reitman Mason, Dennis Frew WABA, Jenny Pate, Park Authority. Ann Pimley FADSB, Chris Wells DOT, Sheng-Jieh Leu DPZ

Call to order 7:35 pm by Wade Smith, Vice Chairman, Peter Christensen recording.

Review of the October **minutes** was differed pending draft being presented to committee.

Issue of **escrows and easements being recorded within GIS** system was discussed. It was determined that additional work is needed with DPW. Sheng Leu will explore how this can be done for future easements (under the presumption that adding prior easements would be onerous at this time).

The issue of including new **easements in County foreclosed properties** was discussed. With the expectation that there will be few of these, DOT staff will work to implement this.

The Committee project of identifying the **top 10 trail and sidewalk projects** for each District was discussed. Doug Pew presented an option displaying this information that identified each project and the issues and benefits surrounding it. It was agreed that we need to complete this project, placing emphasis on unfunded projects and their priority of importance.

The review of the **bike trails map** was deferred until Charlie Strunk is in attendance.

Doug Pew raised a question about how to get **bike lanes** approved. It was agreed that needs to be coordinated with Charile Stunk, who is working with VDOT when they schedule road repairs.

Doug pew raised a question about how to **change the Trail Plan**. It was agreed that this has to be handled carefully so as not to cause a diminution through a wholesale review, but might be possible through an out of turn plan amendment by his Supervisor. Additional discussion agenda item 4 (trail component of the Comprehensive Plan) was deferred until Brent and Charlie are present.

Chris Wells reviewed the 495/395 construction (**Hot Lanes**) and why there will be no parallel trail, but will improve crossings. There appears to be no need to a separate Committee liaison on Hot Lanes as Fairfax County DOT has a representative with VDOT.

The issue of a **Metro tunnel at Tysons** was reviewed. The Committee recalled being on record of this and discussed the benefit of reiterating this. Sheng Leu will review the history and the Committee will consider this in the January meeting.

Ann Pimley will draft a letter to VDOT regarding keeping curb cutouts clear when snow plowing streets.

Jenny Pate noted the opening of the new **Cub Run trail** in the Sully District and the CCT reroute in Accotink will be completed soon.

Meeting was **adjourned** at 9:11pm