

Fairfax County Trails and Sidewalks Committee

Minutes for 13 Feb 08 Meeting (Revision 1)

Members Attending: Rob Airaghi [Sully], Wade Smith [Dranesville], Roger Diedrich [Providence], Roy Brooks [Masion], Gene Bartlow [Springfield], Dennis Frew [WABA],
Staff Attending: Charlie Strunk/Jeff Hermann [DOT], Sheng Leu [DPZ]
Guests Attending: Cynthia Ayres, B. Brooles [GMU students]

Meeting called to order at 7:32pm by Wade Smith

Minutes of the January Meeting: Motion made by Roger Diedrich, second by Gene Bartlow.

OLD BUSINESS:

Waiver Process: Wade Smith drew the essence of Gene Bartlow's work on the waiver process to send to the Board of Supervisors. Jenny Pate had recommended changing the title to "Management of Waivers for Trails or Sidewalks". Sheng Leu recommended we define the number \$14 million, because the number is actually closer to \$2 million. Gene Bartlow recommend we add a footnote saying the number may include funds for other projects beyond trails & sidewalks. The Committee discussed the wording and agreed to add ". . . of which \$2 million (and possibly more) is designated for trails & sidewalks." Sheng Leu commented on internal procedures for waivers may be managed by Dept of Planning & Zoning and recommended we state ". . . to direct the appropriate County Staff." Motion by Dennis Frew, Second by Gene Bartlow. Motion unanimously passed.

NEW BUSINESS:

Extension of Mt Vernon Trail: Dennis Frew briefed the Committee on the proposal by National Park Service to run the trail to the American Legion Bridge at the North end of the County. He showed the map of the route and alternates, and discussed existing funding for the Feasibility Study, and second Environmental Assessment Study. The last meeting was at Congressman Moran's office. Dennis will send The Park Service presentation to the Committee and Wade Smith will discuss with his Supervisor.

HOT Lanes: Jeff Hermann distributed a matrix showing HOT Lane crossings, and Charlie Strunk reviewed the elements their Districts and perhaps talk to their Supervisors. The next step will be to ensure VDOT Project Manager Renaldo Richardson includes the agreed-upon elements to the project.

Easements: Wade Smith said we have talked a lot about Waivers, but need to review how to locate Easements. His question is, "Can we task the County to identify them?" Sheng Leu is asked to respond on the feasibility of identifying Trail access or easements in the records.

Seminar: Roy Brooks reported on his attendance at the Washington Regional Trails Seminar sponsored by COG on Bike Day Trail Safety and Design.

STAFF REPORTS:

County Map Status: Charlie Strunk reported that public meetings were well attended and good information obtained for the Contractor. He hopes to get more info during Bike to

Work Day, and asks each Trails Rep and Supervisor District to go over drafts of the map. The Map is not a planning document, but a map of existing routes and will be put on the Internet. Jeff Hermann pointed out it will be viewable using Google Maps. The Google maps application is a region-wide effort in the works by COG/Commuter Connections, and not just a Fairfax County routing software. The final bike network from the County map will be used in this "Google Maps Mashup."

Member list: Sheng Leu distributed a member list and pointed out the Hunter Mill District and Mason need to choose a representative. The Fairfax County Federation representative will be replaced at the end of February.

Trail Waiver Requests: Sheng Leu handed-out waiver actions, and pointed out that Goepfert Property and Pimmit Park waivers were denied by Public Works.

Budget: Sheng Leu confirmed that Public Hearing date for the proposed Budget is 31 March 08. Brent Reynolds is presenting item #22 on this date.

Design Workshop for Mt Vernon Trail to Woodlawn Plantation Trail along Old Mill Road and Telegraph Road to Route 1. Sheng Leu said Woodlawn does not want to give land for a bike trail and wants to move the trail as close as possible to the road and to make it asphalt. Charlie Strunk pointed-out the Route 1 Plan has a major trail planned for the North side but no success in getting wide curb lanes for on-road bikes.

Regional Trails Planning: Sheng Leu reported that we have been successful in asking for a planned trail at Tyson's Corner Center, and an application along Scotts Run Regional Trail in a compromise with the Park Authority. The issue is east of Hwy 495 between Routes 29 and 50 on the trail at Fairview Park, "which side of Hwy 495 should the trail be located?" Sheng Leu asked the Committee whether to request the trail on one side or both sides of major highway such as I-66, I-495. The following Motion by Rob Airaghi and Second by Dennis Frew was unanimously approved: "The Committee recommends the County ask for the Regional Trail to be Located on both sides of Highway 495, I-66 and Dulles Toll Road."

Telegraph Road: Sheng Leu noted that VDOT built a 6 foot trail along Beulah Road. The application shows an 8 or 10 foot trail and they are asking for a waiver.

Centerville Road: Sheng Leu continued that VDOT does not want a 5 foot widening for short segments on Centerville Road, and asked "How much frontage do they have?" Charlie Strunk recommended we take the right-of-way if they do frontage improvements, because the plan has an on-road bike lane if they move the frontage back.

Date of next meeting is: 12 March 2008

Meeting adjourned at 9:10 pm

Submitted by Rob Airaghi [Sully]