

## **Minutes of the Fairfax County Trails & Sidewalks Committee**

Meeting on March 12, 2008 – meeting minutes by Jenny Pate

**Members Present** – Brent Reynolds, Chairman (Braddock), Rob Airaghi (Sully), Peter Christensen (Mount Vernon), Robert Michie (Lee), Mary Flowers (Clifton Horse Society), Dan Iglhaut (NVRPA), Mark Tipton (FCFCA), Paul Johnson (NVBIA), Jenny Pate (FCPA)

**Staff Present** – Sheng Leu (DPZ); Chris Wells (DOT)

**Guest** – Philip Latasa (Friends of the Accotink)

**Call to Order** – Brent Reynolds convened meeting at 7:40 p.m.

**Approval of Minutes of February 13, 2008 Meeting** – minutes were approved unanimously (motion by Peter Christensen, second by Mary Flowers) as submitted by Rob Airaghi with several modification to correct for misspellings or for clarification.

### **Old Business**

Brief discussion of response from BOS to committee's letter regarding snow removal. Brent will talk to Mrs. Bulova and follow up assignment to staff if she thinks it is advisable.

Trail Easements – in response to a discussion at February meeting, Sheng Leu reported that currently there is no layer for easements on the county GIS and there is no process set up to enter this information into the system. After some discussion, Rob Airaghi made a motion that the committee request someone from DPWES be assigned to this task, seconded by Peter Christensen. Following additional discussion regarding the complexity of gathering the easement information and difficulties in displaying it in the county GIS format, Brent Reynolds suggested tabling the request until further information is gathered.

### **Staff Reports**

Chris Wells reported that the new bike map is proceeding on schedule and Bike to Work Day is set for May 16 with more pit stops than in past years. The Metropolitan COG pedestrian safety campaign, Street Smart (ref – COG webpage – [www.MWCOG.org](http://www.MWCOG.org)) “Cross Like Your Life Depends On It,” was launched in early March. There will be additional police enforcement of pedestrian and motorist infractions. The budget woes, including the declared unconstitutionality of the Northern Virginia Transportation Authority and shortfalls in the county budget, may effect funding for trail and pedestrian issues.

Sheng Leu has updated the Trail Committee webpage to include current charter and by-laws. He also provided copies of the updated version of the existing trails map – Dranesville, Hunter Mill and half of Sully district have been updated. Walt Wozniak (DPWE) has a current list of contingency amounts for each district. District reps may contact him for their amount: ([Walter.Wozniak@fairfaxcounty.gov](mailto:Walter.Wozniak@fairfaxcounty.gov)).

Additional update from Chris Wells on HOT lanes. VDOT agreed with the Department of Transportation recommendation to include pedestrian/bicycle crossing on all new bridges – mostly on both sides. The only discrepancies (Oak Street – 5’ on-lane, both sides, 5’ trail on south side only; Lewinsville Road – 5’ sidewalks and 5’ on-lane on both sides; Jones Branch Connection at Tysons – 10’ sidewalks and 5’ on-lane both sides) were reported to VDOT and they agreed to pass them on to design consultant. Dan Iglhaut reported that the HOT project will replace the W&OD bridge over the Beltway with a 16 or 20’ wide bridge slightly north of existing site.

The committee expressed thanks to staff of the Department of Transportation and citizen supporters for advocating for and getting the crossing improvements.

**Motion to Adjourn** – Peter Christensen, second, Mary Flowers – 8:35 p.m.  
Unanimous approval.