

Fairfax County Trails and Sidewalks Committee  
Minutes of the July 9, 2008 Meeting

**Members Attending:** Brent Reynolds, (Braddock District), Wade Smith (Dranesville District), Doug Pew (Hunter Mill District), Peter Christensen (Mount Vernon District), Roger Diedrich (Providence District), Jan Reitman (Mason District), Dennis Frew (WABA), Mark Tipton (FCFCA), Paul Johnson (NVBIA).

**Staff Attending:** David Marshall (DPZ).

The meeting was called to order at 7:35 PM by Brent Reynolds, Chairman.

**Minutes of the June Meeting:** Mark indicated that the item pertaining to the Madeira School letter was incorrect. The minutes should show that a second motion to support the letter indicating support for a river route was approved. Also revise GPS to GIS. A motion was made by Dennis Frew and seconded by Wade Smith to approve the minutes with the indicated changes. The minutes were approved unanimously.

**Old Business:** Incorporating trail easements into the GIS system.

The Committee was interested in exploring what was possible with this. The Committee had seen an earlier proffer list showing waivers and in some cases, easements. Paul noted that the Committee could not count on finding waiver information except on individual plats. At least it should be feasible to start including newly designated easements and maybe work backwards to include some old ones. Wade will draft a letter seeking information.

**New Business:** Belvoir letter. Mark Tipton had circulated a draft letter for our consideration. This was another segment of the Potomac Heritage Trail and one segment would have to traverse Belvoir property. The Committee's preference is that there be two options, one along Route 1, another crossing Belvoir closer to the river. The army is putting up resistance. Some suggested changes were offered. It was moved and seconded (Mark, Roy) to send the letter as amended. Approved unanimously.

**Discussion of the need to retain Committee documents.**

Brent indicated he did not save final versions of approved Committee documents since he generally sends a signed electronic version. Members felt we needed to have such documents and asked that staff do so. David thought that could be done.

**Staff Report – David Marshall**

David started by noting that Sheng Leu had retired. There has been no decision on his replacement. Action could be slowed by the budget situation, and staff has been asked to evaluate a 15% cut. It is staff's intent to continue to fully support the Committee.

**Discussion: Committee assignments.**

Brent went over the list of subcommittees provided in the last minutes and some members indicated areas of interest. Brent will seek to fill it out later.

There was a consensus to not hold a meeting in August.

The meeting was adjourned at 9:23 PM.

Submitted by Roger Diedrich, Acting Secretary