

Fairfax County Trails and Sidewalk Committee
Minutes of the September 10, 2008 Meeting

Members Present: Brent Reynolds (Braddock District), Robert Airaghi (Sully District), Doug Pew (Hunter Mill District), Roger Diedrich (Providence District), Jan Reitman (Mason District), Lisa Willey (Springfield District), Dan Iglhaut (NVRPA), Jenny Pate (PA), Ann Pimley (Fairfax Area Disability Services Board).

Staff Present: Chris Wells (DOT), Sheng-Jieh Leu (DPZ)

Call to Order: Brent Reynolds convened meeting at 7:35 p.m.

Approval of Minutes of the July 9, 2008 Meeting: The minutes were approved unanimously with no modification.

Old Business: The subcommittee list was distributed and updated. Doug Pew was added to the Web Site subcommittee. Lisa Willey was added to the Best Practices for Bicycles subcommittee. (An updated listing of the subcommittee members furnished by Shen Leu is attached.)

There was a concern about making it easier to locate the current web site for this committee. Also, the web site needs to be updated with the current member names and meeting minutes. Shen Leu will look into updating this information.

An example of best practices for pedestrians was given. This would be using count down signals at crossings.

We currently don't have quick take authority for walkways but do have this for roads. The county can take land immediately for roads under quick take authority and negotiate payment later. Land for walkways must be negotiated first before it can be taken. If negotiations fail land can be taken under a lengthy condemnation process.

Rob Airaghi proposed that each district provide a listing of the 5 top projects for their district by the December meeting. The motion was unanimously carried. It was later decided to make this the top 10 projects. Chris Wells has a list of all requested projects which he will distribute. He also has a funded project list which he will distribute.

Chris Wells estimated that it would cost about 500 million to fund the current list of proposed walkways. He indicated that the maintenance budget will be reduced because of budget cuts.

Chris Wells will provide analysis of pedestrian needs by dollar by October. Doug Pew will provide web site report by November. Lisa Willey will provide best practices for bicycle report by November. Jenny Pate will report on special events in November.

Staff Reports: Chris Wells reported on a pilot lighting project for pedestrians. We still don't have standards for this. Instead, use the roadway standard. We have \$200,000 in projects. The 2007 – 2009 aerial plan is in progress.

Shen Leu indicated that trail maps are outdated because of revisions in road alignments. He is looking at correcting this problem. He is working for the county as an independent contractor.

The meeting was adjourned at 9:20 p.m.

Submitted by Doug Pew (Hunter Mill)