

Minutes of the Fairfax County Trails and Sidewalks Committee
10 June 2009

Call to Order: Wade Smith called the meeting to order at 7:35 pm on 10 June 2009. Members present were: Wade Smith, Chairman (Dransville), Robert Airaghi (Sully), R. Douglas Pew (Hunter Mill), Roger Diedrich (Providence), Jan B. Reitman (Mason), Dennis Frew (Washington Area Bicycle Association), and Ann P. Pimley (Fairfax Area Disability Services Board). Staff members present were: Charlie Strunk (DOT), Jeffery Herman (DOT), Sheng-Jieh Leu (DPZ), and Connie Maier (DPZ).

Administrative:

Jan Reitman was designated acting secretary.

It was agreed to add the Time of Meeting to the agenda. Otherwise, the agenda was approved.

The minutes of the prior meeting were discussed, corrected and approved.

Staff Reports:

Sheng Leu reported that this was his final meeting with the Committee. He provided a draft Trails Manual for all members compiling the bylaws and charter of the Committee and the plans, standards and ordinances which are applicable. Sheng Leu also reported progress on updating and correcting the Existing Trails Map.

Jeff Herman, DOT, reminded members that they are looking for their list of needed sidewalks and trails. Once received, he will review the list to determine if they are feasible or if they are already covered. He also addressed the VDOT Secondary Road fund and the Top 40 list, some of which were going to construction this summer. He will forward a list of projects. He reported that due to the cut in maintenance funds, the county would limit maintenance to cases where safety was an imminent concern based on a field assessment. He also reported the opening of the Pedestrian Bridge over Rt 50 in the Seven Corners area.

Charlie Strunk, DOT, reported that the Bicycle Map was done and he summarized the status of on-road bicycle routes on various roads: Westmoreland Rd and Old Courthouse Rd in Vienna are done. Coming soon are the lanes for Huntsman Blvd., Lawyers Rd, and Gallows Rd. VDOT will be repaving Rt. 66 in the Idlewood area in two weeks with the rest planned for next year. Bike lanes were also near for Westmoreland Rd (Phase II) and Sleepy Hollow Rd in Mason District. He covered status of funding for rack and locker projects and a Helmet Grant to provide 150 helmets for income eligible kids. He summarized sidewalk and bike projects throughout the county.

Old Business:

Douglas Pew updated members on efforts to revise the web site, including updated pages and links from maps. He is requested three links from the Fairfax County home page.

New Business:

It was noted that the Rt. 1 speed limit was changing from 45 to 35 mph.

The county is planning Roundabouts on Huntsman Blvd and other sites. The Committee discussed safety of pedestrians, bicycles, and visually impaired pedestrians in Roundabouts and procedures used in other states such as Florida. Charlie Strunk will report on how the county will address these issues at the next meeting.

The committee deferred to next month a discussion of time and day of the month for the Committee meetings.

Motion to Adjourn. The meeting was adjourned at 9:00 pm.

Respectfully submitted,
Jan B. Reitman
Acting Secretary