

# Fairfax County Trails and Sidewalks Committee

## Meeting Notes

### Regular Meeting – 12 September 2018

Fairfax County Government Center, 12000 Government Center Pkwy, Fairfax, VA 22035,  
Conference Room 8

Web Site: <https://www.fairfaxcounty.gov/transportation/trails>

Note-Taker: Wade Smith (Dranesville)

**Committee Members in Attendance:** Representative At-Large and Chair Ken Comer, Lauren Delmare (FCDOT), Robert Cosgriff (Braddock), Wade Smith (Dranesville), Chester Freedenthal (Fairfax Area Disability Services Board), Tom McFarland (Fairfax County Park Authority), Mark Tipton (Fairfax County Federation of Citizens Associations), Jeff Anderson (Hunter Mill), Robert W. Michie (Lee), Jim Klein (Mount Vernon), Soledad Portilla (Northern Virginia Builder's Industry Association), Stiven Foster (Providence), Karl Liebert (Springfield), Karen Ampeh (Sully), Chris Maimone (Washington Area Bicyclist Association), James Albright (Mason)

**Committee Members Absent:** Katie McDaniel (Clifton Horse Society), Dan Iglhaut (Northern Virginia Regional Park Authority),

**Others in Attendance:** Dan Palmer (Twin Mill Homes), Lene Palmer (Twin Mill Homes), Bret Busse (Hunters Valley), Sheila Dunheimer (Hunters Valley), Angie Dunheimer (Hunters Valley), Beverly Dickerson (Hunters Valley), Jane Manzanirll (Hunters Valley), Jehanne Ashlan (Stuart Mill), Roderick Hines (Gabrielson Bridge), Maureen Khan (Twin Mill), Ann Mader (Fairfax Alliance for Better Bicycling (FABB))

The meeting was called to order by Representative At-Large and Chairman Ken Comer at 7:02 PM.

#### **Agenda and Discussion Topics**

##### **Approval of the Minutes**

The meeting notes from the 8 August 8 2018 meeting were approved by voice vote with minor corrections and amendments.

##### **Presentation**

There were no presentations.

##### **Staff Report**

###### Staffing

Lauren Delmare (FCDOT) was reintroduced as the new Pedestrian Program Manager. She described some of her goals. The open Bike/Ped planner II position was posted and the interview process will begin soon.

###### Past/Upcoming Events

First annual Bike-to-Worship Week held August 13-19 with seven congregations participating. Car Free Day is September 21 – FCDOT is promoting regional effort.

Bike Your Park Day is September 29 – Congressman Gerry Connolly will participate in a family ride on the Gerry Connolly Cross County Trail in Wakefield Park.

Motivate is proposing a national Women’s Bike Month campaign in October. New York, Chicago are already promoting the campaign. Focus on getting more women riding (bikeshare) bikes.

### Projects

VDOT repaving underway

Bikes May Use Full Lane Signage Plan being developed for Clifton area – in design phase.

### Other Activities

*Capital Bikeshare:* Electric-assist bicycle pilot program launched September 5. Fairfax County will get two or three bicycles initially, which will be placed at high-ridership Metro stations.

*Bicycle Friendly Business Program:* Applications are due October 10.

*Police Crash Data:* We are working at the state level on improving the police crash data. Staff will present more details at a future meeting

*Driver’s Education:* We are working to improve pedestrian/bicycle education components of Driver’s Education and will set up meetings with stakeholders soon.

*Inova Campus development and Rt. 50/I-495 bicycling issues:* Staff will report on this at a future meeting.

## **Unfinished Business**

### Committee Charter Update

Existing bylaws state that the Chairperson will “appoint” the Vice Chairperson and Secretary, but new bylaws say the Chairperson will “nominate” these positions, which implies a voting process. A motion was made, seconded, and passed that the new bylaws should state that the Chairperson will appoint the Vice Chairperson.

There are conflicting statements in the bylaws regarding proxies. In one location in the bylaws, it states that voting proxy is prohibited, but elsewhere in the bylaws it states that voting by proxy is allowed. A motion was made, seconded, and passed to remove the language allowing voting by proxy and retain the language that prohibits voting by proxy.

### Proposed Trails Plan amendment to delete trails in Huntley Meadows Park

An extensive discussion was held about this issue. Mitchie (Springfield) reported on a public meeting held to discuss this issue. Klein (Mount Vernon) reported on a Rose Hill Plan about this issue that retains the northern trail. He presented a map that showed a strip of land next to a subdivision bordering the park on which the trail could be constructed. Foster (Providence) commented that demand for trails exists because people are already using social trails. A motion was made, seconded, and passed that Foster (Providence) will draft a letter from the committee to the Board of Supervisors opposing removing the trail from the Plan for review and approval at the October committee meeting.

### Update on Board of Supervisors Transportation Plan

There was no new information.

### I-66 Trail Outside the Beltway

Off-Beltway segments of the trail are being developed. There will be a public meeting when there is a proposal to present.

### Future presentations to the Committee

Staff and the consultant to staff will report on the Rt. 1 corridor plan at the October Committee meeting.

### Committee website

Committee members requested that staff add more Committee meeting minutes to the website.

Volunteer trail maintenance

Staff is analyzing alternative ways to implement this activity.

**New Business**

Removal of the Gabrielson Gardens bridge

This bridge over Difficult Run was removed by Fairfax County. Some homeowners citizens who live near the bridge attended the Committee meeting to tell the Committee that they want Fairfax County to replace the bridge. Ampeh (Sully) described the current situation and provided some historical background. There was extensive discussion about how to get Fairfax County to build a new bridge at this location. Ampeh (Sully) and Anderson (Hunter Mill) will work with the interested citizens and the Supervisors for the Sully and Hunter Mill Districts to address this issue.

Visualize 2045

The website for this initiative by the Washington Metropolitan Council of Governments will be sent to Committee members.

**Announcements and Adjournment**

The meeting was adjourned at 8:53 PM.

**Upcoming Events/Other Meetings:**

Title	Date	Time	Location

**Upcoming Trails, Sidewalks and Bikeways Committee Meetings:**

Date	Time	Location
10/10/2018	7:00pm	Conference Room 8
11/14/2018	7:00pm	Conference Room 8
12/12/2018	7:00pm	Conference Room 8