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Fairfax County Trails, Sidewalks and Bikeways Committee Meeting Notes

Regular Meeting – 7 PM, 13 November 2019

Fairfax County Government Center, 12000 Government Center Pkwy, Fairfax, VA 22035,
Conference Room 2/3

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

Note-Taker: Wade Smith

Committee Members in Attendance: Jim Klein (Mount Vernon), Wade H. B. Smith (Dranesville), Karl Liebert (Springfield), Robert W. Michie (Lee), Robert Cosgriff (Braddock), Karen Ampeh (Sully), Beth Ianneta (Fairfax County Park Authority), Mark Tipton (Fairfax County Federation of Citizens Associations)

Committee Members Absent: Representative At-Large and Chair Ken Comer, Vacant (Hunter Mill), Stiven Foster (Providence), Soledad Portilla (Northern Virginia Builder's Industry Association), Vacant (Fairfax Area Disability Services Board), Shawn Newman (Fairfax County Alliance for Better Bicycling), Katie McDaniel (Clifton Horse Society), Dan Iglhaut (Northern Virginia Regional Park Authority), James Albright (Mason)

Others in Attendance: Rick Hower (Citizen), Sean Mallon (Citizen), Bill Niedringhaus (Potomac Heritage National Scenic Trail), Karen Jones (Potomac Heritage National Scenic Trail).

The meeting was called to order by Vice Chair Robert Cosgriff at 7:06 pm.

Agenda and Discussion Topics

Approval of the Minutes

Minutes from the October meeting will be reformatted into a narrative form for review at a future meeting.

Presentation

Nicole Wynands, Fairfax County Department of Transportation, presented the proposed Active Fairfax Plan. This presentation will be presented to the Fairfax County Planning Commission Transportation Committee. The plan will bring together a number of currently separate plans and also will include new information.

Staff report

I-495 NEXT project – there is a stakeholder group that is meeting regularly to discuss this project. However, the FCDOT Pedestrian and Bicycle staff are not attending these meetings. There was a general discussion of this issue. FCDOT staff will present an update on the project at the December 2019 FCTSB Committee meeting.

McLean Task Force – staff has met with the task force about bicycle issues and planning for the revised McLean plan. There was a discussion of the need to include adequate bicycle facilities in this plan.

Alternative trail surfaces – staff is working with the FCDOT Planning Department to consider and evaluate alternative types of trail surfaces that could be used in the future.

Other Business

Potomac Heritage National Scenic Trail – PHNST representatives were invited to discuss two current gaps in this trail in Fairfax County in the Lorton area and in the McLean area. The representatives showed several possible ways and routes to fill these gaps. Committee Member Jim Klein pointed out that the PHNST is part of the East Coast Greenway trail. He will work with the FC Park Authority to appropriate signage related to the Greenway trail and the PHNST.

Planning for Future Meetings

Not discussed

Announcements and Adjournment

The meeting was adjourned at 9:06 p.m.