



## **BICYCLE AND PEDESTRIAN ADVISORY COMMITTEE (BPAC) MEETING**

Thursday, March 5, 2020

406 Princess Anne Street, Fredericksburg VA 22401

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**Approved as amended: August 6, 2020**

Attendance:

Committee Members:

Chairman Jacob Pastwik, Spotsylvania County

Mr. Stan Huie: Fredericksburg Cyclist Club; Spotsylvania Greenways Initiative; Virginia Bicycle Federation

Ms. Leigh Anderson, GWRideConnect

Mr. Brian Geouge, Stafford County

Mr. Craig Pennington, Caroline County

Ms. Kirsten Talken-Spaulding, National Park Service

Mr. Rob Maple, Fredericksburg Trails Alliance (FredTrails)

Ms. Debe Fults, disAbility Resource Center

Others:

Mr. Bryan Hofmann, Deputy Director--Friends of the Rappahannock (FOR)

Mr. Alex Owsiak, Stafford County

Ms. Kristin Harding, Spotsylvania County

FAMPO/GWRC Staff:

Ms. Kari Barber, Bicycle & Pedestrian Coordinator/Regional Planner

Ms. Leah Vigil, Administrative Assistant

Mr. Matthew Decatur, GIS Intern

*Speaker name: Summary of talking points, not direct quotes unless indicated with quotation.*

1. Call BPAC Meeting to Order – Chairman Jacob Pastwik

The meeting was called to order at **6:02 pm**

2. **Approval of the March 5, 2020 BPAC Meeting Agenda (ACTION ITEM)**

Motion was made to approve the March 5, 2020 BPAC Meeting Agenda.

Motion: Ms. Leigh Anderson; Second: Mr. Craig Pennington

Motion approved by consensus

### **3. Approval of the January 30, 2020 BPAC Meeting Minutes (ACTION ITEM)**

Motion was made to approve the January 30, 2020 BPAC Meeting Minutes.

Motion: Mr. Craig Pennington; Second: Ms. Leigh Anderson

Motion approved without objections

### **4. Public Comment**

None

### **5. Discussion / Action Items**

- a. Regional “River Trail” Concept Presentation – Mr. Bryan Hofmann, Friends of the Rappahannock (FOR)

Mr. Bryan Hofmann gave a presentation of plan and purpose of FOR plus desire to partner with BPAC

- FOR is a watershed non-profit organization based out of Fredericksburg that serves 18 Counties, from Shenandoah National Park to Chesapeake Bay, through Northern Neck and Northern Peninsula included
- FOR mission: advocacy, restoration and education for healthy and scenic Rappahannock River
- Increase public access through canoe launch sites, connection to trails, etc.; public recreation funds are useful on a regional scale
- Looking to create and develop a large trail network; proposing suspension bridge beneath I-95 that connects to other trails
- FOR has donated 10 acres to Spotsylvania County to increase trail network
- FOR committing staff to regular attendance at BPAC for joint projects

Ms. Kari Barber: No action item; introduction and concept brainstorm

Mr. Jacob Pastwik: River access point at general region of Franklin Crossing, targeted as project candidate for locality Comprehensive Plan, with historic preservation incentives applicable

Mr. Bryan Hofmann: John Smith National Historic Trail project has recently received federal funds through the Bay Gates Waste Program which will reinvigorate the public funds for improved access

- b. Locality Updates of System for the Management and Allocation of Resources for Transportation (SMART SCALE) Applications Relevant to Bike-Ped – Ms. Kari Barber

Representatives from each locality updated on respective SMART SCALE projects.

\*See meeting material

Ms. Kari Barber: Sending link to Mr. Brian Geouge’s bike-ped shared path report online to BPAC members.

Mr. Alex Owsiak: Stafford County additional pedestrian project – from Onville Road widening to Quantico back entrance with 5-foot-wide concrete sidewalks on both sides

- c. Discussion: Potential 2020 Project: Inventory map of regional Bike/Ped issues - pedestrian sidewalk demand (desire trails), crossings that need improvements, ADA compliance issues, sidewalk gaps/needed connections, etc. – Ms. Kari Barber
  - i. Raising awareness
  - ii. More efficient problem resolution over time
  - iii. Increased communication between BPAC Members and FAMPO Staff

Mr. Bryan Hofmann: Will email Ms. Kari Barber survey sample discussed with Dr. Millsaps; Coastal Zone Management (CZM) grant also to include small area management plans on upcoming Stormwater and Environmental Manager Meetings' Agendas

Ms. Leigh Anderson: Google forms populates data collection into spreadsheets; to share with Ms. Kari Barber

Motion made for BPAC officers (Chair and Vice Chair) to work with FAMPO staff (Ms. Kari Barber) to draft survey conceptual questions for follow-up agenda item and review at the next BPAC meeting for inclusion of all localities; attach map for 2050 Long Range Transportation Plan (LRTP) update.

Motion: Ms. Kirsten Talken-Spaulding; Second: Mr. Brian Geouge  
Motion passed by consensus

Concept question suggestions: Fairly short (no more than two pages) exploring deficiencies; ask a positive question, i.e.: what do you like about \_\_\_\_\_; are you aware of groups such as \_\_\_\_\_; if you are, how involved are you?, etc.

## **6. News of Note**

Mr. Jacob Pastwik: East Coast Greenway (ECG) Trail (from Maine to Florida) has sent a preliminary letter to Virginia ECG Committee regarding ECG trail improvements in the City of Fredericksburg, Spotsylvania County and Caroline County, acknowledging that the ECG Committee has reviewed and approved the proposed reroute for future planned road improvements

## **7. Staff Reports**

Ms. Kari Barber: Welcome to Kristin Harding for attendance; her application has been submitted for appointment by the Spotsylvania County Chief Administrative Officer (CAO), awaiting positive response to add her to BPAC membership

## **8. Member Reports**

Ms. Kirsten Talken-Spaulding: Phase 4 of Belmont to Ferry Farms trail remains open in cooperation with Stafford County whose parks and recreation division will maintain, until construction begins on the Chatham Bridge deck; FYI--Lee Drive will get chip-seal

again; feedback on trails and improvement ideas are always welcome

Mr. Jacob Pastwik: Is Bowling Green participating?

Ms. Kari Barber: As previously discussed Caroline County represents them; King George needs to appoint a member to BPAC; bike counters have been stationed again.

**9. Adjourn BPAC Meeting / Next Meeting: May 7, 2020 at 6:00pm.**

Motion made to adjourn the March 5, 2020 BPAC meeting at **7:50pm.**

Motion: Mr. Craig Pennington; Second: Ms. Kirsten Talken-Spaulding

Motion approved unanimously