

**Historic Triangle  
Bicycle Advisory Committee**

□ *James City County*   □ *City of Williamsburg*   □ *York County*

**Regular Meeting  
Monday, January 27, 2014  
JCC Government Complex BLD A**

**MEETING NOTES**

Members Present:    Ted Moreland, Rick Bartels, Nancy Carter, Ken Doak, Scott Bartram, Kurt Schueler, Stephanie Weber, Katherine Preston, Rich Thompson

Members Absent:    Don Cherry, Pat Johnson

Staff Present:        Amy Parker, Rod Rhodes, Luke Vinciguerra

**Approval of Minutes**

Minutes were approved from the October 2013 meeting.

**Public Comment Period**

No comments

**Election of Officers**

Ted Moreland was elected Chairman and Scott Bartram was elected Vice Chairman

**Meeting Advertisement**

The group agreed that meeting notices should be posted in the Virginia Gazette and WY Daily website. Ms. Parker will post the notice to those news outlets. Mr. Moreland will post to the Williamsburg Area Bicyclists site and Mr. Bartram will post to the Peninsula Bicycle Association site. Public comment will be accepted at all meetings (3 minute limit).

**VDOT Issues**

Ms Carter noted two areas that had been fixed since the last meeting: Penniman Road/Hubbard Drive intersection and York Street near the Valero station by the bus stop. Mr. Moreland will send a thank you note to Rossie Carroll.

**Bike Lanes for the Marquis and Verena at the Reserve**

Ms. Parker noted that bike lanes will be provided in the residential sections of the Marquis development. Since York County does not require bike lanes for senior housing developments, bike lanes were not constructed for the roads in the Verena development. The consensus of the group was to encourage the three jurisdictions to require bike lanes in all residential developments.

The Committee noted that sidewalks were needed on Mooretown Road. Ms. Parker will check to see if that road had been listed for sidewalks in the Comprehensive Plan.

### **Pedal the Parkway 2014**

The event will be held from 8:00 AM to 1:00 PM on May 3, 2014. There will be an outdoor recreation expo, including information tables, associated with the event at Eco Discovery Park. Mr. Bartram inquired if non-bicycle environmental groups could have information tables. Ms. Carter will verify. The National Park Service will not be able to provide safety assistance this year due to budget constraints. An extra \$3000 will be needed to cover those expenses. Sponsors should be solicited for donations. Persons with special needs are encouraged to attend. Ms. Weber will check to see if grant monies would be available for helmet giveaways.

### **Private Driveway Issues**

Ms. Carter notes that gravel eroding into bike lanes had become a problem on Jamestown Road, Centreville Road and on Route 5. Rossie Carroll should be asked if property owners were responsible for correcting the problem. Mr. Vinciguerra noted that contractors were responsible for keeping roads clean on construction sites. Committee members inquired about Committee-sponsored use of a street sweeper. Mr. Moreland will check with Rossie Carroll and David Wilson about previous agreements with VDOT for a sweeper.

### **General Assembly Bills/HRPTO Planning**

Ms. Weber updated the group about ongoing legislative actions for bicycle concerns. Four bills are in process: 1) Expansion of vehicle passing area to 3 feet, 2) Prohibition of vehicle door opening across bike lanes, 3) Increase of following distance between vehicles and bicycles, and 4) Elimination of felony for bicyclists wearing ski masks. Ms. Weber indicated that the bills passed through the House, and she will keep the Committee updated on their status.

Ms. Weber noted that transportation funding was up for the current year. The I-64 widening project contributed to part of the increases. Coordination with the HRPTO is needed to allocate funding for bicycle facilities.

Ms. Weber noted that state policy guidelines were in place to provide bike lanes when new roads are constructed. Funding is available through the Metropolitan Planning Organization for bike lanes on new roads. Committee members inquired if the Longhill Road improvement project was eligible for such funds. Mr. Vinciguerra indicated that Longhill Road had been designated for a Complete Street design in the Comprehensive Plan. Funding for the road section between Centreville Road and Old Town is not available.

Ms. Weber noted that there was a need for a regional complete streets policy. Coordination should be through the HRPTO.

### **Bike Access Through the Pottery**

Ms. Preston inquired if access between Lightfoot Road and Richmond Road across the Pottery property could be permitted. Liability would be an issue. Mr. Vinciguerra will check on the possibility.

Committee members noted other roads in the same area with bike safety issues. Speeding was a problem along East Rochambeau Road between Barlow Road and Waller Mill Road. The Airport Road/E. Rochambeau intersection is dangerous, and a flashing light was suggested. There is also a pothole at the entrance to the Waller Mill bike trail. Mr. Moreland will contact

Rossie Carroll for repairs. A sign identifying the Waller Mill trail on the park property was suggested. Mr. Rhodes will check on the possibility of installing a sign.

### **Bikeway Projects Status Report**

#### York County

Ms. Parker reported that the Cook Road shoulder project is still under review by National Park Service Cultural Resources staff for potential archaeological impact areas. A section of Penniman Road in the Busch Industrial Park area will be upgraded, including new bike lanes.

#### James City County

Mr. Vinciguerra noted that new striping had been installed at the Centreville/News Roads intersection. Incorrect striping at the Greens Springs Plantation site cannot be fixed by the County as the construction bonds have been released.

#### Williamsburg

The city has 7 new sidewalk areas that will be installed by August, including new walks on Lafayette Street, Bypass Road, Parkway Drive, and Richmond Road in the area of the Holiday Inn. The City's 2014/15 Capital Improvement Program includes \$20,000 for bicycle infrastructure, including bike racks on Prince George Street, at the Triangle Building, City parking garage, Quarterpath Recreation Center, and on Duke of Gloucester Street. Stencils for sharrows at the Lafayette/South Henry Streets intersection are also planned.

Mr. Thompson noted several new bicycle initiatives on the College of William and Mary campus. New bike racks were installed at the sunken garden and the Sadler Center. A tour of campus was conducted with two Student Assembly members to solicit input on needed bike facilities. Parking Services is considering a bike rental program. "Bike 101" courses should be offered to promote biking for students. A biking subcommittee of the Student Assembly is planned. A Fix-it Station has been installed at Sadler Center, and future stations are planned for the Recreation Center, Library, and Hospitality House.

Mr. Moreland noted that the 2014 USA Cycling Collegiate Road National Championships will be held in Richmond on May 2<sup>nd</sup> - 4<sup>th</sup>. On March 1<sup>st</sup>, the Richmond International Film Festival will include the movie "Half the Road," which promotes women's competitive bicycling.

Committee members inquired about fixing the cobblestone road crossing in New Town. Mr. Vinciguerra noted that the construction bonds for the project will not be released until the surface is corrected.

### **Old Business**

#### Update on Country Road/Kingsmill Expansion

Mr. Vinciguerra noted that the Comprehensive Plan update will include recommendations about preservation of the Old Country Road path. Committee members suggested rerouting the proposed road to accommodate a multi-use path. Responsibility for the path would go to the Kingsmill Homeowners Association. A connection to Quarterpath Road should be included with proposed development plans.

#### Lakeshead Drive/Colonial Parkway Access

Mr. Doak noted that split rail fencing had been installed across the East Queens Drive and at the New Quarter Park entrance.

Mr. Moreland inquired if NPS would be sponsoring future public events such as July 4<sup>th</sup> fireworks in Yorktown. Mr. Doak responded that budget cuts will not allow NPS participation in the next year.

#### **New Business**

Ms. Weber noted that the BikeWalk Williamsburg group had been designated as a 501(c)(3) non-profit organization. The group sponsors Bicycle League Certification Instruction programs, bike rodeos, and adult bike education.

The suggestion was made to include an elected officials ride during the May is Bike Month event. It could include a tour of existing bike infrastructure in each jurisdiction.

Mr. Rhodes noted that VDOT had recommended sharrows for the Berkley Middle School access area that's being repaved. Mr. Moreland will contact Eric Stringfield at VDOT to support the plan.

Mr. Bartram met with the York County Transportation Committee to discuss regional bike issues, and indicated that it had been a productive meeting.

#### **Chairman's Report**

No report

Meeting adjourned 8:30 pm

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