

**Historic Triangle
Bicycle Advisory Committee**

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

**Regular Meeting
Monday, October 21, 2013
JCC Government Complex BLD A**

MEETING NOTES

Members Present: Ted Moreland, Rick Bartels, Nancy Carter, Ken Doak, Scott Bartram, Kurt Schueler, Pat Johnston, Stephanie Weber

Members Absent: Katherine Preston, Rich Thompson, Don Cherry, Rodney Rhodes, Luke Vinciguerra

Staff Present: Amy Parker, Scott Whyte (James City County)

Approval of Minutes

Minutes were approved from the April and May 2013 meetings.

Public Comment Period

No comments

VDOT Issues

Ms Carter noted two areas in need of repairs – Penniman Road/Hubbard Drive intersection and York Street near the Valero station by the bus stop. Ms. Parker will email Rossie Carroll to request repairs.

Mr. Moreland and Mr. Bartels noted that Route 132 had been repaved, and that markings were done well. Focus on better markings for Route 143 at the Williamsburg line and the Busch Gardens area should be encouraged.

The group discussed bike lane standards. The ideal would be separate bike paths, which isn't practicable everywhere. At a minimum, a striped shoulder lane is needed. The VDOT standard is an eight-foot wide paved path. Longhill Road would be an area suited for a multi-use path. The roadway area is used by walkers as well as bicyclists.

Bikeway Projects Status Report

York County

Ms. Parker reported that the Cook Road shoulder project is under review by National Park Service Cultural Resources staff for potential archaeological impact areas.

Williamsburg

The City was approved as a Bicycle Friendly Community.

Ms. Weber noted that areas in the City are being studied for potential "sharerows." A road diet design for Capitol Landing Road is also under consideration.

James City County

Mr. Whyte noted that the Route 60 beautification grant application had not been funded. A smaller project for construction of a multi-use path may be considered.

Old Business

Ms. Carter reminded the group that the annual Pedal the Parkway ride is scheduled for the first Saturday in May, and preparations are underway for the event.

New Business

Mr. Moreland informed the group that the PABAC Committee had solicited comments for gaps in bikeway coverage for the region. Ms. Parker noted that the newly updated regional bikeways map had been forwarded to the Committee. Ms. Weber indicated that Safe Routes to School staff were working with the VDOT Bicycle and Pedestrian Advisory Committee to identify needed bicycle facilities.

Ms. Weber suggested that the Committee be ready to voice an opinion on the proposed development in the Country Road area of Kingsmill. The developers (Xanterra) have not indicated bike facilities as part of the preliminary draft development plan. Ms. Carter noted that Kingsmill residents were organizing to provide comments on the proposed development. Mr. Whyte indicated that County staff would review plans for consistency with the County Master Plan. Mr. Bartels suggested getting the homeowners association involved for public comments.

Ms. Parker noted that the York County Transportation Safety Committee had suggested co-sponsoring a bike rodeo for children in the area. Members present indorsed the idea.

The group discussed the Lakeshead Drive/Colonial Parkway crossing issue. Trees had been removed on National Park Service property to facilitate bike and pedestrian crossing to the Parkway. Mr. Doak noted that the clearing had been done on NPS property without their permission. NPS has since placed large branches and tree trunks across the path to prevent bike or pedestrian traffic across the area. Queens Lake residents met with NPS Superintendent Dan Smith and Representative Rob Wittman to discuss a resolution to the problem. NPS has considered installing chain link fencing across the area. Ms. Weber suggested that split rail fencing might be a compromise. Mr. Doak noted that NPS cultural resource review and a public hearing process would be required for the formal establishment of a public access area. He reminded the group that the focus of land use for the NPS was preservation. The group acknowledged that the preferred resolution would be to widen Lakeshead Drive as far as Hubbard Lane to facilitate a safe Parkway connection, but would probably be cost prohibitive. Further discussion between all interested parties should be planned.

Ms. Carter noted that the Pedal the Parkway planners were looking for corporate sponsors to help cover costs for the event. Space for information tents for bicycle-related organizations will be available at Eco-discovery Park.

Ms. Weber informed the group that the James City County/Williamsburg School District had hired a Safe Routes to School coordinator. The position will be funded through VDOT and the state Department of Education.

Mr. Johnston inquired about use of a street sweeper to keep local bike lanes clean. Members noted that the Committee has use of a sweeper, but a certified driver and dump truck would be needed to utilize the machine. Funding is not currently available for the driver or extra vehicle.

Members noted that Ft. Eustis Boulevard had a lot of trash in the road shoulders. Mr. Moreland will notify Rossie Carroll about the problem.

Chairman's Report

No report

Meeting adjourned 8:00 pm

Next Meeting: January 27, 2014

Minutes approved 1-27-14