

**Historic Triangle
Bicycle Advisory Committee**

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

**Regular Meeting
Monday, December 5, 2011, 7:00 p.m.
JCC Government Complex BLD A**

MEETING NOTES

Members Present: Nancy Carter, Ted Moreland, Rich Thompson, Allen Turnbull, Scott Bartram, Katherine Preston, Kurt Schueler, David Wilson, Dorothy Geyer, Don Cherry

Members Absent: Tim Sutphin, James Wirkner, Stephanie Smith, Johann Davisson

Staff Present: Rodney Rhodes, Luke Vinciguerra, Amy Parker

Guests: John Carnifax, Scott Whyte

Approval of Minutes

Minutes were approved from the August 8, 2011 with corrections.

Public Comment Period

No Comments.

Route 60 Beautification presentation

Mr. Whyte presented the proposed Route 60 beautification project. This is a plan that stretches across Route 60 In Williamsburg, York County and James City that calls for tree and other landscape plantings, burial of some utility lines, median and sidewalk construction and more unification of street lights. This project is funded by a grant that the three municipalities are applying for.

Mr. Turnbull noted that this project incorporates the road diet concept and now is the time to make any additional requests for enhancements to the corridor. He further stated that HTBAC should support this project in a letter writing campaign.

Ms. Carter noted that these enhancements would be utilized by Busch Garden employees, but the rural sections of Route 60 still need bike lanes.

Mr. Mooreland suggested the Chair write the recommendation letters.

Mr. Vinciguerra mentioned that the County has applied for money to study a possible 'Complete Street' from the terminus of this project James River Elementary school.

Mr. Whyte mentioned that the project could start as early as next fall. Mr. Turnbull asked Mr. Whyte to email the Committee the all the details of the project.

VDOT Issues

None.

Bikeway Projects Status Report

Mr. Vinciguerra noted that the County plans to widen Croaker Road to four lanes from Route 60 to the Library with a multi-use path and bike facilities. Ms. Parker noted that the Capital Landing road project will be complete by FY 2013. The Committee recommended that the York County representatives from HTBAC meet with Ms. Parker to discuss gaps in the County's bike lanes. It was noted that Camp Perry has many avid cyclists.

Mr. Carnifax stated that the Powhatan Creek trail should be open early 2012 without any gaps.

Mr. Turnbull suggested the Committee create a list of HTBAC priority projects and send the list to County Board/City Council members; he stated one of the priorities should be the Country road.

Old Business

None.

New Business

Mr. Mooreland presented the idea of an annual bike festival with the goal of touting the Williamsburg area prior to the Richmond 2015 world cycling championship. The plan would be to show influential regional decision makers that this could be a lucrative attraction. This festival could include a mountain bike, bmx and a race/event that circles Williamsburg. The goal would be to start small and build up by 2015.

Mr. Thompson noted that the Sea Gull Century brought in over \$1.5m during one weekend with over 8,000 riders and this was a joint venture with the local university.

The Committee noted that the Chamber of Commerce has a sports event committee that could be a possible funding option.

Ms. Preston noted this should have an eco-tourism component.

Mr. Mooreland stated he wanted to take the plan, when finalized, to the Chamber and he would be holding meetings to further discuss the idea.

Mr. Turnbull stated he met with the JCC Development manager and showed him problem areas in the County, and that he intends to meet with Allen Murphy, the new acting development manager in the near future to discuss a road diet on Route 60.

Mr. Turnbull mentioned the need for a HTBAC priority list.

Ms. Preston asked if HTBAC had a letter head. Mr. Turnbull said he would use the image HTBAC's agendas.

Mr. Turnbull asked about the status of Jolly Pond Road. Mr. Vinciguerra said that a public hearing on the road would occur around next May and eventually would be given over to the County from the state.

Ms. Parker said she would send out a tentative schedule for HTBAC meetings for 2012 shortly. Mr. Vinciguerra suggested we keep next year's meetings at the James City County Complex as it appears to be the most centralized location. The Committee agreed.

PABAC Meeting

None.

Chairman's Report

None.

Minutes approved 1/23/12