

**Historic Triangle
Bicycle Advisory Committee**

James City County

City of Williamsburg

York County

**Regular Meeting
Monday, October 18, 2010, 7:00 p.m.
Williamsburg Municipal Building, 401 Lafayette Street**

MEETING NOTES

Members Present: Scott Bartram, Johann Davisson, Nancy Carter, Don Cherry, Dorothy Geyer, Katherine Preston, Rich Thompson, Allen Turnbull

Members Absent: John Laben, Tim Sutphin, James Wirkner

Staff Present: Rodney Rhodes, Luke Vinciguerra

Guests: Nancy Ellis, Ted Moreland

MINUTES OF JULY 19, 2010

On a motion by Mr. Thompson, duly seconded by Mr. Turnbull, the July 19 minutes were unanimously approved.

PUBLIC COMMENT PERIOD

Ms. Ellis provided a presentation on the Powhatan Trail. She noted that the last phase of the project is scheduled to begin in June of 2011 and should be completed by late fall. Members suggested that a possible future phase could extend the trail to the parking lot of Clara Byrd School. Other suggestions included the installation of a bike rack at the trail head and a gate at the pedestrian trail.

VDOT ISSUES

The Committee discussed their concerns of not having a VDOT representative at the meetings. Mr. Thompson noted that it was imperative that the committee has a way to communicate our concerns to VDOT. Mr. Vinciguerra suggested having members of HTBAC meeting with VDOT representatives after PABAC meetings. Mr. Davisson asked if the Committee reports to the City Council and Boards of Supervisors. It was noted that the Committee doesn't report to the local governing bodies on a regular basis. Mr. Bartram stated that he would send a letter to VDOT about the possibility of having HTBAC members meet with VDOT officials immediately after PABAC meetings.

PABAC MEETING

Mr. Vinciguerra gave a brief overview of the August 26 PABAC meeting held in JCC. Mr. Rhodes noted that he would attend the October 28 PABAC meeting in Yorktown.

BIKEWAY PROJECTS STATUS REPORT

Mr. Cherry and Mr. Turnbull noted that the new bike lane stripings associated with the paving projects along Lafayette Street and John Tyler Highway are an improvement over the previous bike lane markings.

Members noted that it would be a good opportunity to address the Route 199 intersection crossing when the sidewalk for the Holly Hills Carriage Homes is constructed this coming year.

Mr. Vinciguerra noted that JCC has no new bicycle projects. He stated that John Laben has resigned from HTBAC. Mr. Moreland stated that he would be interested in filling the vacancy.

OLD BUSINESS

Rhodes stated that VDOT agreed to look into the safety concerns at the Capitol Trail crossing at Green Springs Road; however, they have not taken any action during the past three months. Mr. Thompson noted that a citizen has done some clearing of brush near the trail crossing.

VDOT has not posted signs on Mooretown Road and East Rochambeau Road to direct the public to the Waller Mill Rail Trail.

Mr. Cherry noted at a previous meeting that there is a recessed grate on Route 199 that is very deep and is a hazard to both cyclists and cars. Mr. Rhodes noted that this issue has been looked at by the City and has been forwarded to VDOT.

Ms. Preston asked what was being done about the damage to the Capitol Trail. Mr. Vinciguerra informed the Committee that the County has requested that VDOT keep heavy utility trucks off the Capitol Trail. Letters were sent to the utility companies and they have agreed not to drive on the trail; however, no one has agreed to fix the existing damage.

Mr. Cherry stated that the Committee has worked for 3 years to get a bike detour around the Colonial Parkway Tunnel. He noted that he had contacted the Mayor about this issue and suggested that other members contact the City Council. Ms. Carter informed the Committee that approximately 600 cyclist a year travel the Colonial Parkway along the Trans Am Route.

NEW BUSINESS

Ms. Smith was not able to attend the meeting. Therefore, she will provide her presentation on the Nashville MPO model (Enhancing Active Transportation Projects) at a future meeting.

OTHER BUSINESS

Mr. Turnbull suggested the Committee work on updating the Bicycle Master Plan for the three jurisdictions. He noted that the plan needs to be City/County focused. Ms. Preston made a motion that the chairman appoint a subcommittee to work on updating the Bicycle Master Plan. The motion was seconded by Mr. Davisson and unanimously approved. Mr. Turnbull, Ms. Preston and Mr. Moreland (pending appointment to HTBAC) offered to serve on the subcommittee.

CHAIRS REPORT

Mr. Bartram noted that he is concerned with the lack of VDOT representation at the meetings and would contact them about this matter.

OTHER BUSINESS

Mr. Thompson noted that there are growing public concerns in the Richmond area regarding the VA Capitol Trail. There is a possibility that some of the proposed trail could be replaced with bike lanes. He suggested members consider attending future public meetings (March & May 2011).

Mr. Vinciguerra noted that next year HTBAC meeting would be held in JCC. The first meeting of the year is scheduled for January 24.

Meeting adjourned 9:00 pm.

Minutes adopted 1-24-11