

HISTORIC TRIANGLE BICYCLE ADVISORY COMMITTEE
JAMES CITY COUNTY 🚲 CITY OF WILLIAMSBURG 🚲 YORK COUNTY
REGULAR MEETING MINUTES
Monday, July 15, 2019

Members Present: Patrick Johnston, Rich Thompson, Helene Drees, Ted Moreland, Katherine Preston, Bonnie Baffer and Nancy Carter.

Members Absent: Scott Bartram, Shuni Brewer, Don Fowler, Don Cherry, and Reed Nester

Staff: Carolyn Murphy, Michele Arthur, Amy Parker, Roberta Sulouff & Tom Leininger

Guests: None

Call to Order

Chair Johnston called the meeting to order and asked for individuals to introduce themselves by stating their name and affiliation.

Approval of Minutes

There was a question regarding the discussion during last meeting. Carolyn Murphy updated the Committee on the College Woods/Midtown Row area projects. There was discussion on the construction of Longhill Road. The April 15, 2019 minutes were approved.

PUBLIC COMMENT

Mr. Johnson commented that there had been repaving on Route 143, between Branscome's plant and the Naval Station. He said it has been a month, and as of yet, there was no bicycle stripping. Mr. Johnson suggested that it could be a traffic hazard.

VDOT Issues

Mr. Moreland commented that the bike path along the south side of Centerville and Brick Bat Road is "a mess". He advised the stripping in not correct and the path disappears at one point and is encroached upon with vegetation.

Mr. Thompson commented on John Tyler Highway between the church and Five Forks Shopping center there is a missing manhole cover covered with debris in the bike path. Ms. Sulouff verified that it was the same area where they "have had them fix the manhole cover previously". Mr. Thompson stated he is concerned because this is the route college students are taught to reach the Capital Trail.

Mr. Thompson commented on the lack of sweeping and maintenance of the bike lanes in the County. Ms. Sulouff commented that the street sweeping and shoulder clearing are performed twice a year by James City County. She advised that JCC would be made aware that there are perennial concerns regarding the path along Centerville. Ms. Preston commented that the Committee would like to receive notifications from JCC when the

path cleaning has been done, so as to confirm the completion of the task. Ms. Sulouff requested Ms. Preston email Mr. Leininger with the specific routes that were requested to be maintained.

Ms. Preston asked when paving is scheduled for Longhill Road because bike lanes need to be installed when it is repaved. Ms. Sulouff advised Longhill Road would not be paved until the widening project of Section 1, between Olde Towne Road and Route 199 is completed.

Bikeway Projects Status Report

- **York County**

Ms. Parker commented that there are now shoulders with striping on East Rochambeau Drive near Bruton High School. She advised they are in discussions with VDOT about striping the shoulder on Penniman Road starting at the Williamsburg line down to Government Road. They are in discussions with the Naval Weapon Station for beyond Government Road.

Ms. Preston inquired about the pedestrian access around Route 199 to Target. Ms. Parker said they are looking into bike lanes in this area but construction would not be “anytime soon”.

Ms. Parker stated York County received funding for the multi- use path on Victory Boulevard. The funding is in 3 segments; Poquoson, York, and Big Bethel (Tabb High School) with completion in four or five years.

Mr. Johnson commented that he noticed the Cook Road line changed. He suggested the brush needs to be cleared back because when you are riding along the shoulder branches at face height requires a biker to encroach further into the travel lane which is a hazard. Ms. Parker added that the shoulder is property of the Park Service, but, she would follow-up with the Park Service for trimming.

- **James City County**

Ms. Sulouff commented that they didn't have much to add to what they had already discussed (see VDOT issues section of these minutes).

- **City of Williamsburg**

Ms. Murphy commented the City is proposing a study be performed for a multi-use trail or bike path along Strawberry Plains from John Tyler Highway.

Ms. Preston asked for an update about the long term planning of Frances Street bike lane. Ms. Murphy answered that the city received funding to do a multi-use path, but, they are looking into whether or not the road is wide enough for a multi-use path or a sidewalk along the street. Ms. Murphy added that both JCC and City of Williamsburg are in talks with The Colonial Williamsburg Foundation in regards to construction of a multi-use trail on the Country Road.

Old Business

Ms. Preston stated she reached out to Paul Holt regarding the Jolly Pond connector from the Freedom Park trail. Mr. Johnson commented that he had emailed Mr. Holt before this meeting and had not heard back before the start of this meeting. Ms. Sulouff asked that the Committee copy Mr. Leininger in any emails directed to James City County staff since

this is her last meeting and Mr. Leininger will be the County's representative to the Committee. Mr. Johnson said he would forward Mr. Leininger the email.

Ms. Carter asked about the ownership and "Do Not Trespass" signs, along the Country Road. Ms. Sulouff advised that Colonial Williamsburg owns the property, and the signs were placed after Hurricane Isabel. Ms. Sulouff said the property sustained damage and the owners do want the liability of having the property being under continuous use.

New Business

Mr. Thompson and Ms. Preston shared a presentation of their trip to the Swamp Rabbit Trail in Greenville, SC. During the presentation, there was discussion about the Goals/Objective, Community Leadership & Advocacy, Growth of Business, Community Partners, Success of the Swamp Rabbit Trail and Role of Tourism Marketing. There was a discussion that followed regarding implementation in our community.

Ms. Sulouff left the meeting at 8:06 p.m.

Bikeway Map Update for Comprehensive Plan Update

- **York County**
Ms. Parker advised that they are in the middle of their Comp Plan update and she would send out a PDF to everybody.
- **City of Williamsburg**
Ms. Murphy advised she hope to have a by the end of the year.
- **James City County**
Mr. Leininger advised they started their Comp Plan update last week.

Chair's Report

No Updates.

Adjourn

The meeting was adjourned at 8:27 p.m.

Patrick Johnson, Chair
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