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**Bicycle/Trails Advisory Committee
Meeting Minutes
February 27, 2017
Chesapeake General Hospital Lifestyles Center
5:00 p.m.**

Voting Members Present:

Chad Triolet
Steve Allen
Elizabeth Bell
Laura Fitzgerald
Tammy Hill
Beth Reitz

Voting Members Not Present:

John Arthur
Aaron Bull
Doug Connolly
Ava Ryan
Joe Younkin

Staff Present/Others Present:

Mark Woodward, Planning Department
Kevin Kaul, Parks, Recreation, and Tourism Department
Anthony Cuci, Tidewater Bicycle Association

The meeting was called to order at 5:10 PM by Chairman Chad Triolet.

Members and guest introduced themselves.

Beth Reitz made a motion to approve the minutes of the January 23, 2017 meeting. Steve Allen seconded the motion and the motion was approved.

Old Business:

Chad confirmed that Doug Connolly has now gotten the BTAC Facebook page up and running. Chad is making further tweaks and adding content. The new BTAC logo looks good on the page. BTAC members can "like" it at *ChesapeakeBTAC*. Members can post photos, events and comments to the page.

The new informational postcard was reviewed and approved by consensus. It was suggested to add the Western branch Trail at some point. Mark Woodward will add the new Facebook page address.

Presentation of the proclamation for Bike Month 2017 was discussed. There was consensus that April 11, 2017 at 5:45 p.m. was a good date and time to receive the proclamation from the Mayor. Steve made a motion to this effect, which was seconded by Beth and approved on voice vote. Mark will forward the draft proclamation package to the City Clerk and Chad will also follow up with the Mayor about possibly appearing at the 6:30 p.m. City Council meeting.

The new BTAC banner was displayed by Chad and Kevin Kaul. All commented on how good it looked and that it would be a great addition to BTAC events. There was a follow-on discussion of t-shirts to further identify BTAC members. Tammy Hill offered to check on prices and coordinate an order. Steve made a motion, seconded by Beth, to proceed in purchasing t-shirts with the BTAC logo on them, to be paid for by BTAC members. The motion was approved by voice vote.

New Business:

Bike Month 2017 preparations were discussed. The event marketing flyer for this year is being worked on and Kevin will send it out to members for review. Chad said that the flyer will be distributed to students/parents through the Chesapeake Public Schools Peachjar system.

A rain date was discussed, since last year's event had to be cancelled due to threatening weather. May is a very busy month. Kevin suggested billing the event as "rain or shine." Tammy was concerned people won't show up if the weather is too iffy. Kevin suggested adding the BTAC Facebook page to the flyer for rain information.

Kevin discussed the Saturday morning recreational activity series that Parks, Recreation & Tourism will be implementing this summer at City Park Fun Forest Playground. An idea was raised for the BTAC to possibly organize a bicycle program for one of the Saturdays. There was agreement to work on this some more, maybe set up a tent with bike safety equipment, brochures, etc. Kevin will get a target date to discuss further.

Chad noted that he is still working on the BTAC's advisory letter to City Council with recommended priorities for trail projects. He hopes to send out a draft to members for review before the next meeting.

Next Meeting Date – The next committee meeting was scheduled for March 27, 2017. Promotional items will be discussed based on a \$500 budget. Bike Month preparations will also be discussed. Aaron Bull is talking to some bike shops and bike repair people. Tammy is still working on her leads and Steve too. Tammy said the Health Department may do some activities. She also raised the idea of having a snake/reptile display to show the types of species that can be seen on the Dismal Swamp Trail. Kevin said it could be an insurance liability issue. He will see if the Park Ranger has a static display.

Adjourn - Meeting Adjourned at 6:05 pm. Tammy made the motion. Steve Allen seconded and the motion was approved by voice vote.

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