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**Bicycle/Trails Advisory Committee  
Meeting Minutes  
August 27, 2018  
Chesapeake General Hospital Lifestyles Center  
5:00 p.m.**

***Voting Members Present:***

Chad Triolet  
Helen Gabriel  
Steve Allen  
Tammy Hill  
Rob Anderson  
Sam Leary  
Michael Coffman  
Rob Anderson

***Voting Members Not Present:***

Laura Fitzgerald  
John Arthur  
Don Putman  
Aaron Bull  
Tim Stephens  
Doug Connolly

***Staff Present/Others Present:***

Benjamin Camras, Planning Department  
Kevin Kaul, Parks, Recreation, and Tourism Department  
Tracy Jones-Schoenfeld, Public Works  
Tom Lilley, Tidewater Bicycle Association (TBA)  
Fred Casipoppo, Tidewater Bicycle Association (TBA)  
Rogard Ross, Friends of Indian River

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The meeting was called to order at 5:06 PM by Chairman C. Triolet.

Committee members and guests introduced themselves.

Minutes from the March 26, 2018 meeting were approved as submitted. S. Allen made the motion for approval, H. Gabriel seconded the motion, and the minutes were approved unanimously.

**Old Business**

Elections: C. Triolet stated he would not be seeking reappointment to the committee once his term ends in September and further stated a new chairperson would be needed. T. Hill volunteered to serve as the committee's chairperson. S. Allen made the

motion to approve T. Hill as the chair, the motion was seconded by C. Triolet, and the appointment was approved unanimously.

## **New Business**

PRT Update: K. Kaul reported the following updates: funds will be requested for the new Heron Landing Park and canoe launch with this year's budget cycle; the "Western Branch loop" will be paved this fall; the Dismal Swamp Canal Trail will be repaved; and a TBA donated bike repair station was recently installed.

PW Update: T. Schoenfeld-Jones reported the following updates: sidewalks on Etheridge Manor Boulevard are moving forward with the scoping phase underway now; tentative schedule for the Deep Creek Bridge replacement has construction beginning fall 2019 and the project will include sidewalks; interchange improvements at Mt. Pleasant Road and Route 168 will include new bike lanes; future project to widen Mt. Pleasant Road may include bike lanes in future construction phases; and funding request for sidewalks on Johnstown Road between Parker Road and Waters Road will be submitted.

BikeFest 2018 Debrief: The committee discussed opportunities for community engagement in lieu of BikeFest having been cancelled. T. Hill suggested the committee could participate in the Chesapeake Criterion. C. Triolet mentioned the committee participating in the CPS Disability Awareness Walk to promote bike safety (10/20).

Fort in Western Branch: S. Leary provided the committee with an overview of the Civil War era fort in Western Branch and the ongoing preservation efforts. The committee has provided a letter of support to preserve the fort and incorporate walking and biking trails into its hopeful restoration.

RiverFest 2018: B. Camras stated the committee could partner with the Chesapeake Environmental Improvement Council to distribute informational materials at the event. B. Camras will coordinate making materials available.

Indian River Corridor Study: B. Camras introduced this study, which will focus on improvements and recommendations for the Indian River Road and Military Highway corridors. B. Camras requested the committee to provide feedback on what they would like to see included in the plan as the scope is currently being developed. B. Camras will represent the committee at the next Friends of Indian River meeting to present the project to that group.

Community Health Needs Assessment: B. Camras stated that Chesapeake Regional Health will be sending out a survey to solicit feedback on various health metrics. B. Camras will forward this link when available to the committee for their participation.

Indian River Kayak Launch: R. Ross provided a summary of activities thus far for the kayak launch project. R. Ross stated preliminary designs were being conducted by Clark/Nexson and PRT has requested funding for plan implementation.

Council Advisory Letter: B. Camras introduced the annual advisory letter to City Council and asked the committee to brainstorm ideas for the September meeting for further discussion.

### **Open Discussion**

TBA members spoke about cleanup and repair at the “wormhole” biking and walking tunnel and that broken lighting had recently been fixed.

M. Koffman stated the committee could participate in the Chesapeake Crime Prevention Council event on October 25 to promote bicycle safety.

The meeting adjourned at 6:12 p.m.

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