



**Bicycle/Trails Advisory Committee  
Meeting Minutes  
September 24, 2018  
Chesapeake General Hospital Lifestyles Center  
5:00 p.m.**

***Voting Members Present:***

Helen Gabriel  
Tim Stephens  
Aaron Bull  
Tammy Hill  
Sam Leary  
Michael Coffman

***Voting Members Not Present:***

John Arthur  
Rob Anderson  
Steve Allen  
Doug Connolly

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

Benjamin Camras, Planning Department  
Kevin Kaul, Parks, Recreation, and Tourism Department  
Tracy Jones-Schoenfeld, Public Works  
Andy Smith, Public Works  
Tom Lilley, Tidewater Bicycle Association (TBA)  
Fred Casipoppo, Tidewater Bicycle Association (TBA)

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The meeting was called to order by Chairwoman T. Hill at 5:03 p.m.

Committee members and guests introduced themselves.

Minutes from the August 27, 2018 meeting were approved as submitted. A. Bull made the motion for approval, T. Stephens seconded the motion, and the minutes were approved unanimously.

**New Business**

PRT Update: K. Kaul stated positive feedback has been received on two TBA donated bike repair stations in Northwest River Park and Western Branch.

PW Update: T. Jones-Schoenfeld stated there would be a sidewalk on the southbound side of the Deep Creek AIW Bridge only. The committee discussed its desire for some type of bicycle identification marking on the bridge. The committee discussed whether sharrows would be an appropriate measure. The path on the northbound approach of

the Veterans Bridge was discussed. PW will research remedies for the safety hazard brought forth by the committee for discussion next month.

Indian River Corridor Study: B. Camras introduced the project to the committee and requested feedback on desired goals and objectives for the study as the scope is currently being developed.

Community Health Needs Assessment: B. Camras mentioned this effort of behalf of Chesapeake Regional Health and requested that committee members please complete the survey.

City Council Advisory Letter: B. Camras introduced this effort to the committee, which is an ongoing annual submission of a letter on behalf of the committee prioritizing bicycle and pedestrian projects for the upcoming calendar year. B. Camras stated Planning would work with PRT and PW to identify projects for the letter and asked the committee to please submit any project ideas for discussion next month.

East Coast Greenway: The committee discussed potential East Coast Greenway routes in Chesapeake. The committee talked about US 17 being upgraded to interstate standards in the future and how this might impact the currently proposed route. The committee discussed connections between the Dismal Swamp Canal Trail and the VA/NC state line. The committee also talked about connections between the South Hampton Roads Trail and the Dismal Swamp Canal Trail. The committee talked about the repaving project on Bainbridge Boulevard and if this could be a potential opportunity to provide a north-south connection between the South Hampton Roads Trail and the Dismal Swamp Canal Trail.

### **Open Discussion**

T. Hill requested the committee provide content to post on the committee's official Facebook page. The committee discussed working with the City's communications department to make a video or take pictures. The committee discussed developing some type of awareness campaign highlighting the locations of neighborhoods with good walkability and biking infrastructure.

The meeting adjourned at 5:56 p.m.

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