

**Bicycle/Trails Advisory Committee
Minutes of May 21, 2007**

Members Present:

Christina Teeuwen – Chair
Richard Fisher
Connie Smith

Staff Present:

Mark Shea, Planning
Earl Sorey, Public Works
Donna Hill, Parks and Recreation

Due to the lack of a quorum, the meeting informally began at 4:40 p.m. Mr. Shea updated the committee on the Dismal Swamp Canal Trail improvements project and indicated that a staff kick-off meeting will be tomorrow. Ms. Hill mentioned that Parks would like to have ranger stations at each end. Mr. Fisher and Ms. Smith volunteered to attend future meetings on behalf of the commission.

Mr. Shea provided an update on the Battlefield trail along the Albemarle and Chesapeake Canal. He indicated that Parks was willing to improve and construct the first segment from the proposed Visitor Center parking lot at Battlefield Blvd. to the Great Bridge By-Pass. Ultimately the trail should be extended to the Virginia Beach line. The trail will remain a natural surface.

Ms. Teeuwen discussed the need to have a bike route map for experienced riders. There was some discussion of liability and a proposal was to forward recommendations to the local bike organizations to publish. Ms. Teeuwen asked for members to mark suggested routes on City street maps for the next meeting.

Mr. Sorey indicated that there was no change in status of the Dominion Blvd. bike shoulder. He mentioned that Dana Dickens, of the Commonwealth Transportation Board had indicated that he will take the City's proposal to use the shoulders to the Board. Ms. Teeuwen requested that Public Works establish a bike crossing of Route 17 at Number 10 Lane. Mr. Sorey announced that sidewalks will be constructed along Margaret Booker drive near Deep Creek High School.

Ms. Hill indicated that the Master Plan for City Park will include a loop trail around both the current land and the additional land that was formerly the Camp 22 prison. She also gave a brief update on activities at the Oak Grove Lake Park.

There being no further business the informally meeting adjourned at 5:50 p.m.