

**Bicycle/Trails Advisory Committee
Minutes of July 24, 2006**

Members Present:

Christina Teeuwen – Chair
Richard Fisher
Connie Smith
Howard Fitzpatrick
Susan Harris

Staff Present:

Mark Shea, Planning
Earl Sorey, Public Works

Due to the lack of a quorum, the informal meeting began at 4:45 p.m.

Mr. Sorey mentioned that a public hearing on the Dominion Blvd. project will be in September.

Ms. Teeuwen requested that Mr. Sorey check on what the lane widths will be on Battlefield Blvd. over I-64. She requested that the striping provide wide outside lanes. She brought up concerns over the underbrush and barb wire adjacent to the Dismal Swamp Canal Trail. Mile markers were also suggested.

Mr. Sorey updated the Committee on the Long Bridge replacement. The design was finished in 1995 and the roadway deck will be 50' wide with 4'4" sidewalks on each side. The bridge will be standard VDOT design. Individuals should go to the upcoming public meeting to make suggestions regarding design. There is a possibility of providing wide outside lanes over the bridge. The lane widths of the road approaches will need to match the bridge. There was some discussion regarding the clearance height and flood potential. Mr. Sorey will check if the bridge height will be any higher.

Mr. Shea gave an update on the Greenbrier TIF projects. The schedule and budget will be posted on the Greenbrier TIF web page next week. Ms. Teeuwen requested that paths open parallel to the roadway at intersections without turning.

Mr. Fitzpatrick inquired on the status of the Gum Road Trail. Staff will provide an update at the next meeting.

Mr. Shea mentioned that he and Mr. Sorey will be attending a meeting with the Virginia Port Authority on Friday to discuss relocation of the active rail line in northern Western Branch to the median of the Western Freeway and a portion of I-664. There is a

possibility that the old alignment could become a multi-use trail. This would be a more direct link for the proposed 4 City Trail between Suffolk and Portsmouth.

Mr. Fisher would like to notify Parks and Recreation that he intends to take Rita Roberson, from Food Lion Community Affairs, on a tour of the trail for the purpose of securing a donation. He would like the appropriate contact from Parks and Recreation.