

## **Bicycle/Trails Advisory Committee Minutes of October 23, 2006**

### **Members Present:**

Christina Teeuwen – Chair  
Richard Fisher  
Connie Smith  
Howard Fitzpatrick  
David Plewes

### **Staff Present:**

Mark Shea, Planning  
Donna Hill, Parks and Recreation

### **Others Present:**

Joann Brown  
Cathy Gebhart

The meeting began at 4:30 p.m. with a discussion of the Dominion Boulevard public meeting. Due to an estimated cost of over \$10 million, the project team has recommended that bicycle and pedestrian facilities not be included with the project. Due to the designation of the road as limited access, bicyclists would not be to use the lanes or shoulder. Comments are due shortly and each member was encouraged to submit comments and distribute sheets to other potential supporters.

At 5:20 a quorum was reached. Mr. Fisher made a motion to approve the February minutes. Mr. Fitzpatrick seconded the motion and the motion was approved. No quorum was reached at the April and July Committee meetings.

The Committee finished discussion of the Dominion Boulevard project and Mr. Fitzpatrick made the following motion. **The Committee requests that a multi-use facility be included in the proposed Dominion Boulevard (Steel Bridge) project as shown on the City's approved Trails Plan.**

Mr. Fitzpatrick commented that the proposed railroad relocation project in Western Branch be carefully designed where the new rail line intersects the existing abandoned right-of-way at I-664. It may be difficult for the proposed trail to cross the busier rail line. Mr. Fitzpatrick made a motion to investigate this design issue. Ms. Teeuwen seconded the motion and the motion was approved.

An update on the Gum Road trail was requested for the next meeting.

Ms. Teeuwen requested that additional pavement be added to the gate bypasses at the Dismal Swamp Canal Trail. Other members felt if the approaches were widened from further out that would help.

Ms. Smith made a motion to write a letter of support for the Enhancement fund application for the northern extension of the Dismal Swamp Canal Trail. Mr. Fitzpatrick seconded the motion and the motion was approved.

Mr. Shea discussed an issue that has surfaced recently with the naming of a future trail along the A & C Canal. A committee from the Great Bridge Battlefield and Waterways Foundation would like the trail to be called Waterways East to coincide with a planned system of walking paths at the proposed Visitor Center. The project has been referred to as the Albemarle and Chesapeake Canal Trail by staff. After some discussion, Mr. Plewes made a motion to recommend that the name of the trail be **The Albemarle and Chesapeake Canal Trail**. Mr. Fitzpatrick seconded the motion and the motion was approved.

Mr. Fitzpatrick mentioned that the Share the Road sign on Jolliff Road needs to be replaced.

There being no further business, the meeting adjourned at 6:30 p.m.