



Loudoun County Linear Parks and Trails Committee
742 Miller Drive, SE, Leesburg, VA

January 12, 2023

MEMBERS PRESENT:

Jimmy O'Connor
Erik Scudder
Kelly Foltman
Michael Myers
Karen Jones
Henry Stribling

MEMBERS ABSENT:

Diane Connolly

STAFF PRESENT:

Mark Novak, *Chief Park Planner*
Daniel Sullivan, *Trails Program
Manager*

PUBLIC PRESENT:

None

The meeting was called to order at 4 PM.

UPDATES

New Positions

- The trail program coordinator has accepted an offer and will be starting on the 19th of January. The trail maintenance coordinator has begun onboarding, and is currently projected to start in March.

Branding/Marketing Plan

- The draft request for proposal (RFP) is underway and projected to be sent out in March.
- The RFP is focused on creating a program name, logo, signage and possibly a tagline through a research/discovery process that will engage staff, park boards, and the public.
- The current timeline projects the marketing plan to be completed by the selected contractor in the Fall.

Trail Updates

- Signature project: Funding begins in FY 2024, which will include 9 million dollars. Much of it will be going towards a study for the three bridges needed for the project (Goose Creek, Broad Run, and Horsepen Run). Study will involve bridge design, planning and permitting. The project will be managed by DTCL. Funding for bridge construction is projected for the FY 2025 budget.
- Many referrals are coming in that could have a significant positive impact on the signature project and its connectivity.

General Discussion

Program Goals for FY 23

- Discussion was held on goals for the program for the next 6 months.
- Goose Creek Point was discussed as a potential first project for the new LPAT team. Obstacles discussed were trail planning and surveying before construction could begin. Committee agreed to discuss this further at the next meeting.
- The Current zoning re-write and its implications for LPAT were discussed, and how it relates to the multi-use nature of trails. Participation in an upcoming public information session was mentioned.
- Plans to move a trail head at Edgar Tillett Park was identified as a priority.
- Discussion on creating a mountain biking trail at Edgar Tillett Park was also mentioned.
- Board would like to find ways to Increase communication between PRCS and board to better understand projects, project progress and opportunities for new trails.
- Board mentioned the importance of multi-use trails, and prioritizing trails that can accommodate multiple user types. Discussion took place on how multi-use trails can be single track in low-volume areas.

New Items

- Next meeting will take place on February 9th, 2023. This meeting will be virtual, in alignment with the PROS Board.