

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

November 15, 2022

MEMBERS PRESENT:

Jimmy O'Connor Diane Connolly Erik Scudder Kelly Foltman Michael Myers Karen Jones

MEMBERS ABSENT: Henry Stribling

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 Maintenance Coordinator and Trail Program Coordinator positions are being run through HR to begin onboarding. The hopeful start date for the new positions would be in December.

Branding/Marketing Plan

• Staff is working with the Communication and Marketing teams to create a scope of work to put out to bid.

General Discussion

Marketing Plan

- Round-table discussion was held to determine most important aspects of the plan. Name of network, logo, signage, and tangible marketing tactics were all mentioned as items that should be assessed.
- Broad public engagement and creating an image that aligned with the multi-use nature of the network were also listed as important aspects of the plan.

NVRC Trail Summit Summary

- White's ferry was identified as a major gap to Potomac Heritage National Trail
- NPS plans to initiate a feasibility study of property surrounding Harper's Ferry.
- Opportunities for grant funding were mentioned, but consensus is that applications are best left to NVRC
- Additional corridors in Loudoun County were identified as gaps for the PHT

Signature Project

- Funding should begin in FY 24 to provide design for the 3 bridges in the signature project- Goose Creek, Broad Run and Horsepen Run.
- FY 25 funding should provide for bridge, toll house park construction, and various other aspects of the signature project (signage, smaller facilities at trailheads)
- PRCS is investigating gaps and locations where trails can begin to be put in.

Broad Run/Goose Creek Crossings

- There was discussion on prioritizing the connections from the signature project to the PHT
- The connections are stated in the signature project master plan and will be kept in mind as the project moves forward.
- There was discussion on if the crossings will be accessible for pedestrians, bikers, and horses.
- The committee requests that the bridges be designed to be multi-use.

New Items

• Next meeting will take place on January 12, 2023

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