

City of Fairfax
Parks and Recreation Advisory Board (PRAB)
Special Meeting Minutes

January 29, 2020
City of Fairfax
City Hall, 10455 Armstrong Street
3rd Floor City Manager Library

Present:

Mayor Meyer
Brian Knapp, Vice Chair
Brian Cipriano
Sandy Moshos
Sarah Ross
Mitch Sutterfield
Staff: Cathy Salgado
 Jamie Dodson

Guest:

Molly Grimsley, Commission on the Arts Chair

1. Call to Order

Meeting called to order by Vice-Chair Knapp

Time: 9:07 a.m.

2. Discussion of the George Snyder Trail Design with the Mayor

Those present went around the table introducing themselves.

Vice-Chair Knapp shared with Mayor Meyer that PRAB has been working vigorously to develop a plan to construct the George Snyder Trail with 13.6 grant from the I66 Concessionaire Fund. PRAB's goal from the beginning has been to design a citywide multi-module premiere trail that brings people both to and through the City by connecting to County trails. At the December 2nd George Snyder Trail Advisory Board meeting concerns arose and PRAB wanted to bring them to the Mayor's attention before the project progressed and it was too late. PRAB would like to see the project completed in a way that best utilizes the \$13.6 and is most beneficial to trail users. As such PRAB recently sent a letter signed by Chair Rodgers-Rickert to Mayor and Council outlining our concerns related to the trail.

Mr. Cipriano stated the first concern with the current proposed design are two sections that aren't slated to be paved. It doesn't make sense for the amount of money being spent to leave two sections of the trail gravel. It feels incomplete and doesn't allow for optimal usage. The second concern is an existing bridge that unless redesigned requires user to make a hard turn, which is difficult for bikers.

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Mayor Meyer shared that bridge realignment can be quite expensive and asked which of the two unpaved sections does PRAB feel is a higher priority?

Mr. Cipriano said he felt the portion of the trail that has a steeper slope is a higher priority for safety concerns.

The attendees discussed the current trends of high engineering costs across the field.

Mayor Meyer asked when the 30% plans and cost estimate are due to the City.

Ms. Salgado responded, February 5th.

Ms. Ross stated the third concern of PRAB's is the alignment and crossing of Route 50.

The attendees discussed the different options of where to align trail entrances and how to safely get users across the busy boulevard.

Mayor Meyer concluded that concerns one and two may require a conversation with City Council to find the money needed to properly complete those sections of the trail. The third concern will require more discussion and brainstorming. He'll be setting up meetings with the City Manager, Finance, Public Works, and Parks and Recreation staff to discuss all three these concerns.

3. Meeting Adjournment

Time: 10:05 a.m.

The next PRAB meeting will be held on February 13th @ 7pm in the City Hall, Work Session Room