

Minutes Bike/Ped. Task Force 8/28/03

Members Present: Monica Kirschner, Cathy Hohenstein, Eric Krause, Tom Redinger, Austin Walker, Jeff Burns, Joseph Viola, John Butler, Elizabeth Teague, James Latimore, Donald Stout, Tony Hauser, Claudia Nix.

Our next meeting will be held Thursday, Sept. 11th at the Buncombe County Training Room. Since Claudia will be out of town during our regular meeting time and folks didn't want to meet without her.

Time was spent discussing vision, mission. Listed below are comments that came out of the discussion.

We want to make sure our statement is easy to understand by its self and doesn't have to be explained.

Quality of life, Economic Opportunity, Having choices in transportation, Improve an infrastructure that enhances Bicycling and walking choices. Advocate, Educate, Retail sales and tourism increases money that stays in Asheville. Close some streets to cars.

It was brought up that there are 2 functions to our committee

1 – Advocacy which involves education and activism

2 - Planning & advising the city & MPO staff through

The 5 year - long range transportation plan

Updating the pedestrian plan (fee in leau of, is outdated)

Early action compact of which the MPO has sign onto

Some ideas of things we need to work on for goals.

We want people to feel safe to travel through alternative means

How do various issues affect transportation?

Identify where to use fee in leau of sidewalk moneys

Identify where the city has fallen short for pedestrians.

Identify whether the UDO requirements are sufficient.

Work on the pedestrian plan

We need a better name for our committee, (perhaps involve the term multi-modal rather than alternative).

Jeff Burns suggested a statement for our mission: "Promote a safe efficient multi-modal transportation system to enhance sustainability, choice and quality of life."

Our homework: Please study the suggested web sites from our last homework session and come to this next meeting prepared to formulate our mission so we can vote on it.

To paraphrase

Portland's – Make the bicycle part of daily life.

Burlington, Vt. –Promote bicycling & walking with emphasis on access, safety & education.

Chicago – Improve quality of life by promoting walking & biking transportation choices that can improve public health. Include transportation equity & reduce energy consumption & traffic congestion.

San Francisco – To transform San Francisco’s streets & neighborhoods into more livable & safe places by promoting the bicycle for everyday transportation.

Austin, Tx – To integrate bicycle & walking into the transportation system of the city of Austin.