

Dec. 18, 2003 Minutes

Attendance: Darce Elders, Lynn Johnson, Kristopher Hinz, Terri March, Ddan Baechtold, Paul Endry, Tony Hausor, Claudia Nix

Our next meeting will be January 15, 2004 this the 3rd Thursday 5:30PM - 7:00PM same location

There were two new individuals attending this meeting. The purpose of this meeting was to set up our goals and committees to carry out these goals. We successfully came up with a set of goals that fit into three main committees. Two of the committees are very similiar but have different direction. We will need to determine who will chair each committee. It is hoped that these committees can meet on their own to follow their goals and then report to the whole task force on their progress or request assistance from the whole group. Think about which group or groups you would like to work with.

The committees will be listed with the goals under each one. Kris Hinz had spent a lot of time thinking about this and presented his ideas which is attached to this e-mail.

Committee 1 Safety & Education

- Develop safety education for motorist, cyclists, and pedestrians dealing with the laws and courtesy
- Tie in with Strive not to Drive in an effort to raise funds for education projects (perhaps sponsor an event)
- Do pedestrian assessment
- Work on improving relationships between motorists and pedestrians, cyclists and runners

Committee 2 Communication & Public Relations

- Hold public forums to learn desired needs of the public
- Develop communication strategies to promote more people walking and biking on present facilities
- Create a web site which can be used to communicate to each other (those on the committee) as well as the general public so they will know what we are doing and want we need from them, and to educate the general public and new members of the committee
- Develop a process to orientate future members of our committee
- Inspire the public to walk and bike
- Coordinate with Strive Not to Drive events
- Training for committee members, i.e. Active Community Involvement program or similiar training

Committee 3 Planning and Implementation

- Update the Pedestrian plan
- Do the pedestrian assessment
- Finalize the RR track improvements on Riverside Drive
- Review the standards & specifications manual for the city
- Expand project descriptions to be more specific i.e. TIP plan descriptions
- Try to work w/ other groups to get easement and funding before going to DOT in an effort to speed the projectss
- Review the Bicycle Plan to see if it needs updating

The following are Kristopher Hinz general suggestions on the charter for each committee. Please read & see if you agree.

Committee #1 - "Safety & Education"

Charter: "To Educate the public about bicycle and pedestrian transportation."

Goals:

- * Educate cyclists and motorists about the existing laws concerning bicycle transportation & roadway usage
- * Educate pedestrians and motorists about the existing laws concerning pedestrian right-of-way, etc.
- * Advocate & increase usage of our existing bike-ped transportation facilities
- * Facilitate training courses on rider safety, commuting via bicycle, responsible use of roadways, off-road trail etiquette, parking, etc.
- * Advocate & provide training for volunteer-based user maintenance of our existing bike-ped transportation facilities (bike lanes, sidewalks, etc.)

Committee #2 - "Planning & Implementation Committee"

Charter: "To Advocate for the development and maintenance of safe, convenient, and Inter-connected facilities."

Goals:

- * Participate in planning & development of new bike-ped transportation facilities
- * Drive improvements for our existing bike-ped transportation facilities (connectivity, safety, signage, parking, etc.)
- * Coordinate efforts with other local & regional resources (RiverLink, Asheville Greenway Commission, etc.)
- * Implement Task Force recommendations (partnerships w/ local government)

Committee #3 - "Communication & Public Relations Committee"

Charter: "To Promote the benefits of walking and bicycling for individual and community health."

Goals:

- * Engage in Public Relations, both proactive and reactive, that creates a positive view towards walking & bicycling
- * Organize "bike-ped" activities & incentives - through partnerships w/ local schools, businesses, neighborhoods, etc.
- * Raise and solicit funding for Bike-Ped projects (via walk/ride events during Strive Not To Drive week, corporate sponsorships, grants, etc.)
- * Promote healthy lifestyles w/ bike-ped activities & events - through partnerships w/ Healthy Buncombe, Am. Red Cross, Safe Routes to Schools, etc.
- * recreation & fitness activities
- * competitive & charity events (walking, running & cycling)
- * commuting to work (organize local "Bike Pool" contact list for commuters)
- * Create & maintain a website for the Buncombe Co. Bike-Ped Task Force
- * meeting minutes
- * committee charters, projects, and updates
- * web links (French Broad MPO, etc.)
- * applicable documents (Priority Needs List, etc.)
- * contact info for committee members
- * forum for community feedback
- * encourage/facilitate communication to local & state political representatives (similar to League of American Bicyclists)