

#### 4/15/04 Minutes Bike/Pedestrian Task Force:

Individuals present: James Latimore, Tom Redinger, Blake Esselstyn, Paul Endry, Dwayne Stutsman, Mike Collins, Kristopher Hinz, Elizabeth Teague, Heather D. , Dan Baechtold, Vicki Rowe-Currence, Terri March, Claudia Nix

If I left anyone off I am sorry. It helps if you sign in when you arrive, thanks.

We decided not to meet during May since it would be during "Strive Not to Drive Week" and there were so many things going on that week and Claudia would be out of town. However, we are asking that each person think about several things instead and email your responses to Elizabeth &/or Claudia so we will be ready to work on them for our June meeting.

- 1) We need to prioritize bike & pedestrian projects that need to be worked on. Please make a list of projects that you would like to see us work on in the immediate future.
- 2) If you have a chance put your own prioritization to these projects. We will do this in the meeting but if you do it on your own it will help cut down time.
- 3) We also need to decide if we need to change our name or keep it. If you have ideas on a new name include that in your homework.

Karen Cragolin, Director of RiverLink was our guest and shared a presentation on the Wilma Dykeman Riverway Plan. Claudia has a map and information if you were unable to attend and would like an update.

Elizabeth Teague updated the group on the pedestrian forum. There were concerns voiced about the connection from Short Michigan Ave. to the new RiverPark (Speedway). There will be a crosswalk that will be addressed with the realignment of Amboy Rd. Plans are in process to have a second forum for transit dependent folks in the D.S.S. lobby.

An individual, Jack Say has expressed interest in distributing the bike maps in places we would like to have them, while he does his other job of distribution of papers. The group thought this was a good plan. Elizabeth will follow through in getting him to do this.

Terri March reported that the Walkability Assessment Training was a big success. We now have at least 20 people trained. We can use these folks with non-trained people to finish working on the Merrimon Ave. Corridor. The plan is to get Merrimon Ave. itself finished first and then turn it over to the city. Elizabeth felt that since there were so many problems with Merrimon Ave.

We went over the Strive Not to Drive Week Activities and encouraged everyone to pass the word and participate in as many as possible. Kris is planning a ride for Sat May 8 with a request for donation. All individuals donating \$20.00 or more will be entered into a drawing for prizes. This is to raise funds for the Strive Not To Drive. Terri March mentioned that Home Trust Bank offers a no charge checking account for non profits.

Blake & Kris updated us on the Task Force Website. We need about \$140.00 for a dedicated IP address. Blake has a rough draft of the site and still needs input for information to put on the site.

Remember that May is Reed Creek Greenways fund raising month. There will be many opportunities to help raise funds for this greenway. Keep your eyes and ears open so we can help raise these needed funds.