

## Bike / Pedestrian Meeting July 26, 2007

Present: Julie White from Black Mt., Terri March, Jack Saye, Tom Redinger, Roberta Greenspan, Pattie Moore, Frank Douglass, Barb Mee, Joe Minicozzi, Till Dohse, Jim Barton and Claudia Nix

We had a short meeting at the Public Works Bldg. just before the public hearing of the Asheville Bicycle Plan.

We discussed the upcoming statewide planning meeting for the new advocacy group which is forming. This meeting will be held in Greensboro on Sunday, August 12<sup>th</sup>. Julie gave an update on this group and their plans. Pattie expressed an interest in attending with Julie and Claudia.

We also talked about the new non-profit organization called Asheville Youth Cycling which is forming locally and hopes to develop programs for training youth how to be safe cyclists through after school programs and summer camp programs and develop cycling activities which will be fun, encourage team participation and competition. The hope is to have a broad base organization that encompasses all aspects of cycling from BMX to mountain biking and road biking. We will keep folks posted on their progress.

Joe talked briefly about an initiative he is working on to develop a greenway following the Patton Avenue corridor in West Asheville which could provide a safe off road facility for cyclists and pedestrians. We will invite him to share this in more detail in the future.

We adjourned to the public meeting which had over 60 participants.