

2008-1-24 Minutes Bike/Ped Task Force

Present: Janet Barlow, Terri March, Julie White, Wes Humphries, Tom Redinger, Tracey Roizman, Barb Mee and Claudia Nix

Bike Transportation Maps

Claudia brought a printing quote from Blue Ridge Printing to reprint the bike transportation map to the meeting. We are still waiting for a quote from Daniels Printing (see attachment of quote). Linda Giltz from Land of Sky Regional Planning has emailed Barb & Claudia that we have \$3,700.00 in an account for reprinting and she has found the software which she is mailing to Claudia. We decided that Claudia will take the software to the printers to see if they can work with it. If it is possible for them to manipulate the data and work with the software to make our few corrections without too much time, we will print 1,000 maps to get us through. We do not want to have totally outdated maps. We will continue to ask for donations for those maps in an effort to raise money for future maps.

Bike Plan

The plan should be coming before council on February 26th. We will continue to talk with reporters and citizens to create a buzz about the plan. Everyone is asked to send the poster out to their friends and acquaintances. Pattie Moore suggested that we ask folks who attend the council meeting to wear or bring their helmet with them. We will plan to meet at the parking lot on College across from the plaza before going in to the meeting in mass. Barb talked with the Johnny Buck of AC-T and Rebecca Bohm of Mt. Xpress and are both developing articles on the plan.

Blue Ridge Bike Club

Claudia & Julie reported on the plan to promote bicycle advocacy by the Blue Ridge Bike Club their Fletcher Flyer bike ride in May will be raising funds for advocacy. They plan to be more active with other groups and speak out on the needs of cyclists.

Safe Routes to Schools

Claudia, Terri and Janet reported on their meeting earlier today with the SRTS committee. They plan to develop a bicycle rodeo curriculum and materials including traffic light that can travel to area schools for teaching K-6 grade students bicycle safety and offer two rodeos a year working with the SNTD rodeo at All Souls Church during their Earth Day celebration in April & the Asheville Youth Cycling rodeo held at their criterium race downtown Asheville this September. They will also be working to get the city and county school staff to support the walk to school programs. Several good suggestions to support this work were made such as having incentives for teachers who are good examples to their students and help from the Rotary groups for additional funds.

There was discussion about the lack of support by the police department for pedestrians when they are struck by motorists. Janet brought up this concern when it was reported in the paper that the police did not find fault with the motorist who hit a pedestrian in a crosswalk who was crossing with the light in their favor. It was decided that Claudia will write a letter to the chief regarding this concern and the need to educate the police officers.

This Saturday is our planning session for the year will be from 9-1 at Public Works Bldg on S. Charlotte Street. There will be some breakfast foods. Folks are welcome to participate. Leah Ferguson will be facilitating.

Michael Sule sent some announcements, please pass them on. Feb 5th Asheville on Bikes will participate in Asheville's Mardi Gras Parade. The theme is "Flash, Class or Trash". The parade route is from Joli Rouge on Walnut & College and ends at Prichard Park. Music provide by Firecracker Jazz Band. Costume & Flag making party at Michael's on Feb 1st for more information go to ashevilleonbikes@gmail.com.

On Feb. 23rd the second annual Bike Love concert will happen to celebrate all things BIKE with local beer & music. This is a fundraiser for the AoB and Bike Locker Project.

Barb requested support from the task force in thanking the sidewalk crew who are about to finish the Broadway sidewalk project. We decided to bring the food and drink one morning and to see if we can get some sight challenged pedestrians to be there to thank the workers.