

2/28/08 Minutes Bike/Ped Task Force

Present: Tracey Armstrong, Bill Crownover, Roberta Greenspan, Joseph Viola, Tom Redinger, David Tindall, Barb Mee, Allison McGehee, Terri March, Grace Curry, Robbie Sweetser, Tracy Rozmon, and Claudia Nix.

We celebrated the passage of the bike plan and talked about the keys to our success:

We gave the city council members data on health, the environment, congestion, and economic impact through white pages. We had good media coverage ahead of time, we met with each of the council members individually to address their concerns and to educate them and we conducted ourselves professionally. We regularly email 450 people about what they could do to help us.

Brain stormed ideas to continue our efforts: Need to build on our success from the bike plan and downtown on the move to help SNTD, get the chamber to help promote this event. Post flyers in libraries, community centers, the Y's, parks and rec, the Mission Scope. Reinforce the plan by using some of the routes from the plan for SNTD.

Invite police force members to the Bike/Ped Task Force meetings.

Lobby for no right on red in heavy pedestrian areas

Do more articles in Mt. Express on correcting behaviors so folks will know how to share the roadway and get folks to report needed changes via our web site.

Get the bike club and other organizations to coordinate together to help fund bike & pedestrian projects.

Coordinate with other groups like the YMCA, Pioneering Healthy Communities to get the word out. They are talking of bringing Mark Finton to Asheville.

Link our web site to as many other sites as we can

Get some business cards made with the web site on them that task force members could have out to folks.

Have a park and ride shuttle for SNTD

Need to advertise who and where folks can go to report needed repairs and such

Marsha Stickford is the neighborhood coordinator for the city

251-1110 is the number to call to report when cars are parked on the sidewalk

Map project:

Put the web site on the new bike transportation maps.

See if we can charge for our new map if we use the money for additional printing.

Task assignments:

Joe will see if a sheltered workshop can fold the map and how much it would cost.

David will check on Google maps to see what is involved in getting our map on GIS

Claudia will check with Mary Meletiou about whether we can charge for the maps and whether can be put on the web site in a PDF

Claudia will check with Marla Tamberlini about having the way finding program include bicycle signage.

Barb will see whether the AB Tech GIS program could help us

Claudia will check with Daniel's Graphics about cost in doing a smaller map & whether they could fold something like that in house.

Announcements:

Bike Lane clean up was happening Sat March 1st at 9AM, breakfast at Clingman Café at 8:30AM schedule for the rest of the year is Sat, May 31st, Sat. Sept 6th or could be Thurs, Sept 4th if with United Way Day of Caring, Sat, Dec 6th.

Handed out flyers on Downtown on the Move, lunch and learns happening every other Wed, at Asheville Pizza on Cox Ave. 12:15PM next one March 12th

Blue Ridge Bike Club meeting Wed, March 19th 7PM Earth Fare at West Gate will be about Advocacy, Michael Sule, Julie White and Claudia will be presenting.

Claudia is attending the Bike Summit in Washington, DC the first week in March. She will report at our next meeting.