

## Bike / Task Force Meeting Minutes 4-24-2008

Present: Barb Mee, Bill Crownover, Eric Smith, Kelly Baisley, Tom Redinger, David Tindall, Tracey Roizman, Robbie Sweetser, Terri March and Claudia Nix

Report on Earth Day celebration and Bike Rodeo at All Souls Church in Biltmore on Sunday, April 20<sup>th</sup>. We had a very successful rodeo and celebration. The weather was cool but sunny. Fifty kids took part in the rodeo. Volunteers took children individually through the stations. A large number of kids who were performing from the Klondyke Apartments took part and are excited about having a rodeo in their neighborhood some time. Many of these kids can benefit from more practice. If anyone is interested in helping in the future let me know.

Downtown on the Move and Commuter lunches have two more before Strive Not to Drive. This was lightly attended from 1-4 participants each time. Each person attending seemed to get a lot out of the time and had a lot of questions answered. It seems that we are really providing a service in encouraging folks who are thinking about riding bikes to work. Discussion is underway to continue the program once a month or even hold an evening session. Stay tuned to hear more.

Claudia wrote a letter to Chief Wm. Hogan requesting he participate in SNTD event and updating him on Safe Routes to School. She also mentioned her concerns about the pedestrian who was hit by a car in the crosswalk and the motorist not being cited. She is waiting for a response. She does know he has gotten the letter.

### Update on SNTD

Press conference is 10AM Monday, May 12<sup>th</sup> at the Asheville Chamber of Commerce on Montford. Immediately following the Mayor's Ride will take place from there to City Hall. We encourage you to watch city & county officials and many more folks ride bikes. They will sign a pledge to encourage alternative travel afterwards.

Friday is SNTD day. Bus fare is \$.25 and breakfast stations will be at area Bruggers, Clingman Café, Green Sage (free drink with purchase) and West End Bakery. You must wear your arm band to get their deals. Don't know yet what they are all offering.

After 5 Downtown on Lexington will have free valet bike parking and the first 5 minutes we will announce golden award winners. Come join the fun.

Update on Old Hwy 70 trail. It continues to move forward. McDowell County has agreed to take over maintenance responsibilities after the improvements are made and they are doing the paperwork to finalize this. The McDowell Trails Association a volunteer group is doing their paperwork with the Forest Service. The County Commissions have formally agreed to the maintenance.

### Announcements:

Buncombe County Commissions approved the Greenways proposal at their board meeting on Tuesday, 4-15-08. They will be hiring two positions; a fund raiser and a

coordinator for the greenways and facilities. It was also recommended that they accept the name change for the organization to Parks and Greenways.

This past Tuesday, 4-22-08 Asheville City Council voted to fund in the 2007-2008 fiscal year, 20 bicycle lockers in the parking garages. These will be monthly rental lockers. Also, they approved the placement of climbing lanes on Lexington Avenue and shared uses arrows for South French Broad Avenue. Look for these to start appearing.

Clingman is under improvements and climbing lanes are suppose to be in the plans.