

Bike/Ped Task Force meeting minutes – January 28, 2010

Individuals present – Barb Mee, Gwen Wisler, Lee Pirtle, Michael Sule, Susan Garrett, Vick Rowe-Currence, Terri March and Claudia Nix

Most of the meeting was taken up with discussing a maintenance request form Susan Garrett has been working on for request maintenance needs to city departments for bicycle and pedestrian needs. It was important to get this finished and take advantage of having Lee Pirtle, our web master there so he could help with how to set up the form for our web site. It was decided that the most expeditious way to handle it was to use links from Lee's site where the form will live. The correct city department would be automatically notified by the request and the requester would get a notice automatically, thanking them for it and notification the request was being sent to the correct department. This would cut down lag time. Barb Mee will be sending Lee the correct department emails who should receive the notice. A lot of time was spent deciding on the correct procedure, which items were to be on the request and how it should work. We felt that a good form and process was determined. After getting the form in its final finished state, Susan will send it to Lee. It will be our responsibility to get it publicized throughout the bicycle community and the Coalition of Asheville Neighborhoods. We will also need to notify the general public through the newspapers.

There was only enough time left to make a few announcements and quick updates. Our next meeting was announced for February 25th.

New bus fare boxes have been installed on all buses that will give change and read the passes.

Bike Love will happen on Feb. 20th at Dr. Neon's Laboratory in West Asheville off Waynesville. There will be 3 bands, food and brew. Funds generated will go toward purchasing 7 collapsible tri racks for the corrals.

Owen Middle School bike education program will happen in March; training is Feb 13 from 1-3 at Merrimon Ave. Baptist church parking lot.

A quick Strive Not to Drive Update was given.

The overarching theme for the next 10 years is "Multi modal transportation is Possible. We will be using each letter of the word Possible for other words to describe using Multi modal transportation.

This year we are concentrating on driving less throughout the year not just one week and we will have a contest that covers May – Sept. and include a survey to see how successful folks were in doing so.

Barb, Michael and Claudia attended a stakeholders meeting about the Clingman Avenue bike lane. The meeting was continuous at first. We did have some agreements and ended with the desire to keep working on a solution.

We will work on developing our goals for 2010 next month and review last year's progress.