

Agenda Bike / Ped September 23, 2010

**Vision:** For Asheville to be a community of connected pathways that is healthy, safe and accessible for people of all ages.

**Mission:** To educate the public about bicycle and pedestrian transportation. To advocate for the development and maintenance of safe, convenient and inter-connected facilities. To promote the benefits of walking and biking for individuals and community health.

**Individuals present:** Dwayne Stutzman, Doreen DiCarlo, Jim Grode, Janet Barlow, Vicki Rowe-Currence, Heather Strassberger

**Old business:**

- Dwayne Stutzman had to leave so we let him go first with a report on a meeting with the BRParkway officials. They contacted him regarding a trail plan for land on or abutting the parkway. The Buncombe Co. Parks, greenways and rec. department is in process of developing their trails master plan and they want to be involved and will perhaps bring funding. On Oct 22, the Southeastern Association of Landscape Architects are having a conference in Asheville they would like to hold a problem solving exercise – holding a charrette for developing trails in the area. This could be a win/win situation for the county & the association.
- Report on Hospital Drive – Claudia brought the line marking drawing to the meeting to show the committee and get their feedback.
- The Haywood Rd. audit committee met we hope develop a team approach to solving the safety issues for all travel modes throughout this corridor, gather a consensus in ways to meet the needs so we can in turn find funding to meet them. Barb can find a date in early Oct that DOT officials can meet with us.
- No report on Web site committee – we did not meet
- Counting project ended and we need to receive all forms.
- Update on bike lanes & ped improvements. All bike lanes are in except the climbing lane on Clingman and a few painted signs. There are still a few parking problems on Hillard. Most of the sidewalk improvements are done, as well. There are now sidewalks on the entire length of Hillard and one can walk Biltmore from center of town to just past Biltmore Forest shopping center.
- Issues with intersections with new bike lanes where traffic is cutting off cyclists or taking the bike lane at the intersections. This is still occurring on Coxe Ave. at College. Perhaps the colored lane will work in these situations.
- In a discussion about making the bike lockers more visible Barb said she would ask Parks and Rec about decorating the bike lockers with decals.
- White cane day event Oct 15 this day is trying to make folks more aware that motorists are required by law to stop for pedestrians especially blind ones. City council will do a proclamation and a PSA is being developed.

**New business:**

Need celebration on new bike lanes (ribbon cuttings?) After some brain storming it was suggested that a Newspaper article to celebrate sidewalks and bike lanes would be a good idea – Claudia will contact Nancy Bompey.

- Discussion on remaining Task Force or becoming a commission. There was little time to discuss this. Claudia asked folks to think about it and give her questions and concerns that she might discuss with city staff. There are many pros and cons to both situations.

**Announcements:**

- Mid November may be the date for a public hearing on the Wilma Dykeman Riverway. I am attending a stakeholders meeting Sept 30<sup>th</sup>.
- CAN will meet Monday, Nov. 8<sup>th</sup> at Oakley Community Center (the utilities will be attending regarding the new transformers appearing in potential walkways)
- Alliance Workshop Nov 5-7

Talk to Barb about light triggers:

Lower Grassy Branch onto Tunnel Road – is this DOT? yes

**Next month:**

- Prioritize next steps in bike plan (more city street connections vs. more triggered lights vs. bike routes and moving to improvements on DOT streets) Talk to Judy about getting onto the maps for the bike plan
- review bike friendly status & web site  
Guest for the blind

Peter Trecansky consultant from I – 26 will bring some ideas to us near the end of the year.