

## **Bike/ Ped Task Force meeting April 28, 2011**

**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 and to promote the benefits of walking and biking for individuals and community health.

**Introductions:** Tell who you are and the reason you are a member of this task force. 5 min  
Claudia Nix; Dan Baechtold; Terri March; Janet Barlow; Zac

### **Old Business:**

- Updates Beecham Curve – Any other comments? 5 min**  
Comments were provided to DOT by Barb. No other comments at the meeting.
- Haywood Road Safety Audit 5 min**  
Planning to do a presentation to DOT and city staff about the pedestrian and bicycle safety audit and Ken Putnam asked that the presentation be delayed until the new city traffic engineer is in place; no date.
- TRC approved the Harris Teeter with conditions 5 min**  
Merriman Road former Deal Motors site ; Harris Teeter plan approved with conditions. Protected sidewalk within the parking lot; didn't allow a right turn lane on Chestnut that was in Harris Teeter plans, to turn into the property; improvements to bus stop; wall on Chestnut removed; required 10 foot sidewalk on Merriman for entire property; steps to access ? street; plantings required but magnolia tree will be taken out
- Waller Tract – Doug Barlow (Janet's husband) is forming the "Friends of the Hominy Creek Greenway" 5 min**  
Presented to Buncombe County Greenway last week; successful cleanup last week; Terri suggested contacting TASS for volunteers in invasive plant removal
- Survey of task force members – review 30 min**  
Reviewed responses – only 13; continue to send out survey and ask for input; would be nice if we got responses from 20 percent of people on mailing list;  
\*\*send out by itself as special request asking for response because we want to have responses from 20 percent of mailing list; Say in the email that this will not take long, less than 5 minutes  
Also, we have revised directions to clarify that each number should only be used once, etc.; Terri will go back through responses to see how many people entered each number more than once;  
Ask at the end for which goal they would be interested in working on; add email address?  
Distribution list is how large? (how many people?)  
Set up committees for high priority projects; request for people interested in them  
  
Discussion of mailings to committee; do we need to cull list? If put in my newsletter builder or constant contact, we could track whether someone uses it and what articles they look at, and they could update contact information; also can schedule mailings in advance, etc.

Suggest 2 question survey: 1) please let us know if you're actively following this; 2) what is your main interest

**New Business:**

30 min

- Temporary Sidewalk Closure requests – Barb is now reviewing these**  
Question about what that means; no other information, since Barb is not here. Can she tell us more at next meeting?
- Bike Friendly application –**  
Looking at dividing up the sections and working on the various parts of it. Barb and Claudia would like to know who's interested in being on committee to work on the bike-friendly application? Zack and Terri expressed interest.
- Awareness ticket about parking on sidewalks**  
Developing a "ticket" to put on cars that are parking on sidewalks to remind drivers about issue; Talk with police department to see what their opinion is on this and also consider developing something like the PEDS materials on sidewalk parking; connectivity issue; maybe just document and take photos to raise awareness about issue; could there be something on the web site where people record that info; need location, date and time; Zac suggested a new website and email address where materials are sent and easily posted to that blog?  
Progress energy; Rebecca and Land of Sky programs for seniors possibly take this one
- Next safety audit?**  
Not rated highly, and maybe we should put it off until after we've presented the last one.  
Merrimon done years ago, but should we go back and see how it's changed  
Charlotte Street?  
Patton out to Leicester?  
Tunnel Rd?  
Sweeten Creek?  
Tie audits into the sidewalk database and other info, so it's all collected together
- Fund raiser for Sharrows? Where to place Clingman to Patton/Woodfin/Chestnut?**  
Barb asked if we were interested helping coordinate fundraising for sharrows, \$150 each; various ideas were discussed and the idea of linking it to the connectivity (item #1) and a SRTS project and other project. What projects to start with? Clingman and Haywood Street to connect across Patton? Hilliard to College Street bike lane?  
Key may be to know where they were going to be installed and dedicated to help connect particular areas.  
Look at it as part of connectivity project and ID places to connect and if can be linked to fundraising at businesses/schools, etc for that area. Specific project needs to be decided before going to look for money. Haywood suggested as a start?

**Announcements:**

Dan Baechtold – City

- Hybrid buses were introduced to the Low Vision Support Group April 15
- Transit Master Plan is being rolled out with changes in the bus routes and scheduling

SNTD – May 16 – 20 need folks to sign & pledge, Mayor's ride on 18<sup>th</sup>, May need help w/ After 5 Concert