

## **Bike / Ped Meeting Minutes July 28, 2011**

**Present: Till Dohse, Barb Mee, Terri March, Kati Chappell, Jim Grode, Vicki Rowe-Currence, Tom Redinger, Kris Hinz, Zac Altheimer and Claudia Nix**

**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.

**Introductions were made and review of agenda. Minutes of last meeting accepted.**

**Kris reviewed the goals for 2011-2012 They are listed – decided not to be by priority order in effort to take advantage of happenings. Group agreed to them.**

- >Bike Friendly status - get application together by Sept to give us buffer time. AVL application project (due Feb. 2012)
  - Confirm "project owner" & account setup at BikeLeague.org this will be Barb Mee with the city. Team leaders identified. Lyuba – Engineering, Don – Planning, Claudia & Terri and BRBC – Education, Kris and hopefully Josh Hill – Enforcement, Zac – Encouragement with AOB.
  - Kris will get the application onto the google list web site
  - Team leaders meet each two weeks just after the task force meeting date and 2 weeks after.
  - Next Steps – teams will review their sections and begin working.
- >Walk Friendly status – use the process and what learn from BFS for this one.
- >Updating the communication resources to better communicate within the Task Force team. i.e. calendar and progress on projects like BFS
- >Documentation of assessments, counts, # of people educated
- >Education – partner w/ other groups to see that it is done & documented school for kids, adults, dr. ed. Awareness, motorist education & traffic & safety
- >Bike Route signage & interconnectivity.
- >Bike maps update

### **New Business:**

- Azalea Rd project - still in the design stage, and includes pedestrian and bicycle facilities. Preliminary documents will be on-hand at the next meeting for review, discussion, and feedback. Called Lake Craig restoration. Proposed one lane road with two way bike facility
- Claudia Nix – suggests that a project team start meeting with Barb on the connections needed between facilities – to create a work plan, priority list, and implementation schedule Zac & Till would be interested in working on this comm. Kris will help after October.
- Claudia Nix – Asheville city traffic counts: data review & opportunities for action/recommendation – just thinking could be a good project with APD
- Task Force Meetings – Need to recruit new & regular support from these groups Law Enforcement, Parks & Recreation, School Board, NCDOT, Transit, etc. (see BFC application for reference)

Barb Mee had several items to report on regarding bike lanes, sidewalks and crosswalk improvements.

Another climbing lane is in process of being installed due to water line improvements for a block on South Lexington and the downhill side will have Sharrows. Federal Highways has agreed to approve green bike lanes. So we will be getting green lanes on sections of Hospital Drive.

The city will be putting together a team to work on bike friendly process, as well so we will have a counter group with which we can work to gain progress.

There is a plan to put in temporary on street parking on Depot Street. The city will be looking for our input on that.

The major sidewalk connections listed below will make a tremendous difference in our community for walkability.

- City and NCDOT continuing to extend sidewalk eastward on Tunnel Rd from Mall to Beverly Road
- Merrimon Ave, from existing sidewalk across the ditch to connect Library to Beaver Lake Park trail
- Short Coxe both sides (narrowed street to build sidewalks) from Coxe to Biltmore
- Lakeshore Dr, Merrimon Ave to Mt Vernon (just a short section)
- Kenilworth Knoll, connecting to exiting segment on Tunnel Rd to existing sidewalk at new Hotel (near Chunns Cove Rd)
- Patton Ave, Smoky Park Bridge walkway to Regent Park Blvd on North side to connect Westgate, the hotel, Sam's Club and Regent Park (big connection)
- Along Beaverdam Rd, connects Kimberly Ave to Elk Mtn Scenic Hwy
- N. Louisiana Ave, Emma Rd to Mosswood Rd

Also have grant funding through MPO for construction. These federal grants are dependent on continued availability of federal funding, which is affected by the transportation bill and by appropriations (budget) bills. These would be good projects to highlight to our congressman & senators.

- Hendersonville Rd, south to Blue Ridge Parkway (FY 2014)
- New Leicester Hwy, Patton Ave to city limits (FY 2015)

And a grant for pedestrian signals at:

- Choctaw and McDowell Ave
- Clingman Ave & Hillard Ave.
- Biltmore Ave and Southside/South Charlotte St
- Haywood Rd and Louisiana Ave

#### **Announcements/Events: Jim Grode announced**

Asheville Greenway Commission is revisiting their master plan to id all projects to get changes of priority of those in the master plan and potential new projects.

There will be a public meeting on August 11<sup>th</sup> 4:30 – 6:00 PM at First Floor Conference Room at City Hall for this meeting.

The city just started construction in the last month on phase 2 of the Reed Creek Greenway to Catawba to Elizabeth. The city still owns some property on the section on the Momentum property so if a new owner comes in they will need to allow a greenway hopefully it can be negotiated to be along the creek.