

Minutes Bike/Ped Task Force 2-23-2012

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.

Lake Craig project public meeting Thurs March 1 at RENCI offices in Grove Arcade please attend. They need our input. 4-7pm. Drop in during these hours to learn more or comment on this project.

SNTD This event will happen May 21-25 with kick off at the May 18th Downtown after 5 Festival. A bike corral will be offered for folks from 5-9. There is a need for volunteers to assist with commuter stations on Friday, May 25th. Expanding the commuter challenge for businesses, talk your employer to participating we had 20 businesses last year the competition is by business size. One change is the bike ride will be a community ride with leaders riding a bus. Bike to work day will be May 25th. We're looking for sponsors also.

Charlotte St. Community meeting – Feb 6 Jewish Community Center –for general public to hear about possible changes in design of the Charlotte Corridor to be more multi-modal by doing a road diet. Grace Curry said there was a presentation by the street scape committee. Talked to the businesses to explain how it would work. Ken Putnam presented and answered questions. She was disappointed there were not more visuals to give people an idea of what it could look like. About 150 people there. Federal Hwy has a 4pg research summary.

The Ecusta Trail is having their presentation at West Henderson High at 6pm March 28th on the economic impact of the rail-trail. Hoping for a big turnout.

Bike Friendly Community Application is completed and sent off to the League. The project team needs to celebrate that we have finished it. We did get some comments from Bill Nespire regarding some of our application. Mode share for our community will probably take multi-mode share.

On March 31st Traffic Skills Class will take place at Buncombe County Bldg which houses TD Bank by roundabout on College Street from 10-4. Register through BuncombeBikeEd.com.

Fr. Broad MPO – news items from Lyuba regional bike plan committee on Tues, Feb 28th in Waynesville. Public input meetings are planned for May there will be a meeting just for Buncombe County stay tuned for time and date. NCAMPO Conference 2012 May 2-4 at the

Renaissance Hotel there will be interesting sessions including bike share & mode share.
Conference volunteers needed for AM bike ride, May 3rd for a free attendance.

Barb's updates. Our newest facility is a Fixit on Clingman next to the roundabout and Barb talked to WLOS about it.

Barb is leading the staff effort on the Complete Streets goal. There is a staff team working on it. Asheville Greenway Planning has moved from the Parks Department to transportation Mariate will be supervise and be the liaison to that committee. Everyone seems to like this decision.

AOB Bike the Irish will happen Saturday, March 17 meet at 12:30 in front of city hall, ride starts at 1PM and ends at the Wedge.

BRBC Advocacy Committee is beginning a Bike safety & motorist safety pledge they will be at the Bike the Irish to get folks to sign up.

Police Dept had a meeting today with Safe Kids, police dept did a kid ID program at Asheville Mall did 280 kids there. They had their bikes there. They would love to participate in any community rides We just need to invite them. Claudia will send Mike Sule an email to invite them to Bike the Irish. Thinking that would like to start at Pritchard Park with the light give away program. At Downtown After 5 have their bikes there to help in any way they can. Their unit will be at the Democratic Nat'l Convention in Charlotte. There will be over 400 bike units. They recently caught a guy stealing bikes and selling them to Hearn's and he is now in jail.

Kris has one more thing. Barbs invitation to this meeting has the dates for the rest of the year and are as follows: March 22, April 26, May 24, June 28, July 26, Aug23, Sept 27, Oct 25, Dec 6th.

Kris and Vicki will meet after the meeting to work on evaluating the Vision & Mission.

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