

Minutes October 25, 2012

Asheville NC Bike /Pedestrian Task Force

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.

Attendees: Bert Hamilton (moving to Asheville with his business, Terri March, Lyuba Zuyvea, Linda Giltz, Garrett Male, Suzanne Molloy, Kristy Carter, Jim Grode, Tom Redinger, Michael Blou, Joy Ponder, Boyd McCaskill APD, Matt Miller APD, Barb Mee, Grace Curry, Vicki Rowe-Currence, Claudia Nix

Old Business:

Review September ABPTF minutes –not distributed - trouble up loading from phone, Barb will send out.

Bike light giveaway event – status or update: Sgt. Rondell Lance has been transferred to West Asheville with night duty and no longer able to attend. Boyd McCaskill reported, did not have figures but giving out lights has been positive and surprises those getting them.

New Business:

Bike Friendly Community feedback + “Bike There 2016” campaign

Kick-off date for initial planning session? Who to include on committee following volunteered: Lyuba, Kristy Carter, Barb Mee, Claudia, Tom Redinger, and Bert Hamilton. Following were suggested: Paul MPO, someone with Convention & Visitor’s Bureau, Joe Barrett, Ben Van Camp with Sports Commission, Jake Frankel with Mtn Xpress, Kit Cramer Chamber of Commerce.

Accepted Tentative for Thurs, 08 Nov. @ 6 PM. Location = TBD. (Public Works or Training Room

Committee/Project Team – organization?

Plan will follow kick-off meeting. Update via e-mail.

Walk Friendly Community – 2013/14 application update? Hour before the next meeting. Janet Barlow unable to attend meeting no update. Grace Curry interested in helping with this. Terri suggested meeting 1 hour before next meeting to review application. Barb will send link for previews.

Barb Mee – WFC account status. Can’t open an account right now Can try Google docs thing again.

Asheville Police/Fire/Rescue – No other announcements

Linda Giltz brought up the Brian Turner (Carrie Runser-Turner’s husband) was hit by car while in crosswalk in West Asheville after walking daughter to school. He is injured. Much discussion on how we

can be involved. Boyd McCaskill suggested W. Asheville Community Resource Officer with APD is Shawn Davis. Need to talk with him & see if they are already involved. Have several letters to NCDOT Jay Swan w/ need for improvements. Terri & Lucy Crown can do letter regarding SRTS slant. Ask Don Kostelec if has recommendations from safety audit Linda brought up the issue with Carrie's husband being hit by car while crossing Haywood Rd. in crosswalk. Officer McCaskill suggested we

Terri March report on SRTS -Talking with Buncombe Co principals in November. Plan to meet w/ SRTS partnership, Terry Lansdale to help SRTS committee strategize Does anyone want to join this? Susan Malloy said the principals and school planning don't work together. Make sure to include both.

Garrett Male - UNC-A looking into Bike Friendly status and interested in a commuting workshop for students.

NC Bike Summit – general updates Materials to share, Vicki & Claudia shared information. Lt. Mike Yelton APD trainer talk w/him about Police training. Triangle media promo, Watch for me testing on peds, next year bikes, then maybe cross state.

NCDOT State-wide Bike Plan – AVL meeting Monday, 01 October Linda reported, gave good info to them.

French Broad MPO – updates from Lyuba Z. GRO WNC having meeting Nov 8 at US Cellular Center 1-3 & 4-6 drop-in. Traffic Skills & Bike Commuting classes beginning. Take flyers.

Asheville/Buncombe – updates from Barb Mee UNC-A did 17 sites for bike/ped counts, only one needs recounting as twice as last counted. A realtor asked Barb for counting information.

Applied for assistance with Bike Share program from EPA grant. Find out in Dec if get it.

Working on Encroachment agreement with DOT for Way finding project meet with DOT next week.

Emma sidewalk celebration & Wellness Day Nov 7 noon. Proposal written 2008 took 3 grants to accomplish. Suggested publicity on this event & story Randy Hammer ACT. Barb will contact Debby for follow up.

Asheville Greenways – design work being done on town branch, Riverside Clingman Forest & Beaucatcher. Should have 85% engineering done for construction. Trying to find more funds to complete. Then will look for funding to implement.

City beginning an initiative, developing concept plan called “River to Ridge” way to look at greenways in city.

Vicki suggested – need for more economic data on impact on community to be published.

Announcements/Events:

Suzanne Molloy mentioned East Asheville residents doing a Corridor Plan from VA to Asheville Mall. To include transportation and land use.

This Sunday two greenway fundraisers. Reed Creek & Hominy Creek involved 2 rides at Altamont Brewery.

This Saturday AOB Pumpkin Peddler bike ride meeting city hall 3 PM.

Update the Task Force event calendar with meetings, etc. Next meeting December 6th. Barb & Claudia will be late.

“Bike There 2016” – initial discussion for new campaign

Mission: By July of 2016, people from the 4 extreme corners of Asheville's city limits (north/south/east/west) will be able to ride their bike SAFELY to the Pack Square area. And there will also be a bike-safe corridor between Downtown and the Biltmore Estate.

Activity Outline:

- Plan with key resources the prioritization of primary-corridor projects that create basic, safe transportation solutions for cyclists of “intermediate skill/experience” levels.

“four corners” of AVL city limits to Pack Square

Pack Square to Biltmore Estate

Create the working list of “ASKS” and solicit support from local gov’t leadership.

North-South corridor improvements: US 25 (Biltmore Vlg. to Airport Rd.)

North-South corridor improvements: US 25-A (Biltmore Vlg. to NC 25)

East-West corridor improvements: US 70/74 (Biltmore Vlg. to BRPkwy)

East-West corridor improvements: NC 81 (Biltmore Vlg. to Tunnel Rd.)

East-West corridor improvements: US 19/23 (Downtown to West AVL)

North-South corridor improvements: US 25 (Downtown to North AVL)

Work with FBMPO, NCDOT, and other key resources to assess funding needs.

Work with local area businesses and other key resources to investigate “alternative funding” opportunities (e.g. grants, private donations, fundraising events).

Local bike businesses, outdoor industry companies (e.g. REI)

Green-friendly or Eco-tourism businesses

Local brewery businesses (Highland, Sierra-Nevada, New Belgium)

Mission Hospital

Biltmore Estate

UNC Asheville, AB Tech, etc.

Others...

Work with the Biltmore Estate management/ownership to update local cycling restrictions/policy to enable “vehicular cycling” on the property.

Ride to and park at the Estate (2016 ‘cross championship, other events)

Ride thru for fitness/recreation (road cycling – for Estate passholders?)