

Minutes February 27, 2014

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 at the meeting were: Chris Byers, Evan Coward, Boyd McCaskill & Meg Pigman (all APD), Barb Mee, Claudia Nix, Terri March, Joy Ponder (Asheville Fire Dept), Till Dohse, Lyuba Zuyvea, Tony Hauser, Mike Sule, and Liz McLamb.

Old Business:

- Bike There 2016 campaign update:
Kris gave a presentation at the Multi-model commission meeting yesterday. Next, he contacted AOB to see if they want to participate in this effort. (Identified the main arterial roads for the 2016 cyclecross race on Biltmore Estate.) Mike got an email today and forwarded to his board. They meet Wed. March 22nd.

New Business:

- Asheville Police/Fire/Rescue – general announcements:
 - Attended the “Watch For Me” webinar and hoping to get support. The DA does not agree with the enforcement decoy program. Hoping to meet with the DA first and try to see if he will change his attitude. If that doesn’t work we see about going to city council.
 - March 26 the Public Health Advisory Council will be meeting. We can go to them also. There is a April 7th deadline to apply for the “Watch For Me NC”. We decided to empower Liz to write a letter of support to the Multi-Model Commission.
 - Police dept is out of lights, they have a process as to how they are giving them out.
 - They are going to Tampa in May to the IMPBA conference. There are 6 individuals going 2 fire and 4 police.
- Buncombe Bike Ed – general updates
 - Confident Commuter Class scheduled for Saturday, March 8th 10 AM-4 PM at Sherrill Center, UNCA, Rm 442; repeats on May 10th, July 12th, September 13 (May 10th location to be at WNC Alliance) Three signed up for first lass. Send the LCI training information to all LCI’s.
 - Traffic Skills 101 Class scheduled for Saturday, April 12th 10 AM-1 PM, Sherrill Center, UNCA RM 442; repeats on June 14, August 9, October 11th
 - Send Danise Hauser and Jessie@ashevilleonbikes.com about children’s rodeos.
- French Broad River MPO – updates
 - Call for Citizens Advisory Committee Volunteers taking applications till March 7th for applications. Want a variety of participants.
 - Also public comment on interchange of I-26 & Brevard Rd. till March 30
 - Update on FBRMPO STP-DA and TAP call for projects in May - funding \$3million a year. Can be sidewalks, small roadway improvements, bike projects. Requires

- 20% match from local municipalities. Greenway feasibility study. Training for MPO sub-committee. Locally administered projects on April 2nd at LOS offices.
 - NCDOT Complete Streets Training in Asheville April 8-9th. There is a charge for this.
 - Hendersonville Bike Symposium had a good turnout last Monday.
 - Bike Love had a good turnout.
- Multimodal Commission – general updates.
 - Concerned about bus stops on Hendersonville Road - No sidewalks on the Biltmore Forest side. There are 9 signals existing now that don't have ped signals. The city is asking for funds to put them in.
- Asheville/Buncombe – brief updates
 - I-26 is brewing. DOT is to come back with a design sometime in April. The city has to determine to accept the plan.
 - City is going to do some deep repairs on Hillard and this will allow for resurfacing. Barb will have 2 weeks to get a design done and looking for some folks to participate. Tony, Till, Don, Mike Sule, Terri & Claudia volunteered. First meeting on Monday 5 PM.
 - East of the Riverway March 18 6 PM at Dr. Westly Grant Center, on greenways, redevelopment on some property and transportation network plan for this area.
 - Firestorm is closing so can't put our bike corral there. Where would we put a permanent bike corral. After discussion chose Haywood Street near Maloprops or Police substation and/or one on Lexington.
 - Bike lanes are being swept the first week of the month. Barb wants response on how it is working.
- Bike crash on Haywood Road last Saturday night at 12:10 AM cyclist ran into the car and was impaired both contributing to crash. Wearing all black and no lights, not given a ticket no major injury. One idea is to give out a handout with the bike lights.
- Claudia mentioned that UNC-Asheville plans to apply for bike friendly status
- Till brought his Route Evaluation form with 7 questions – see attached.
- Strive Not to Drive 2014 (SNTD) – May 16 Kick-off at Downtown After 5
 - Email Mike Sule, mike@ashevilleonbikes.com, to be added to the planning committee mailing list
 - Updates will be posted to www.strivenottodrive.org as the events are scheduled

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