

Minutes July 23, 2015

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.

Introductions:

Liz McLamb, Terri March, Tristan Winkler, Don Kostolec, Billie Lofland, Janet Barlow, Lyuba Zuyeva, Tom Redinger, Grace Curry, Officer Welborn, Barb Mee , Claudia Nix, Mike Sule,

Updates:

- Asheville Police/Fire/Rescue – International Police Mountain Bike Association in April 2016,
- French Broad River MPO – no meetings in past month
- Multimodal Commission
 - Exercise with AIM mobility plan reframing how we define streets in manner besides AASHTO functional classifications and considering pedestrians and bicyclists and changing priorities regarding street design; final round of public involvement in a month or so; plan to get before City Council in November
 - Bike Friendly application was approved for submitting in August; deadline is August 11
 - Social Event – September 23 at 5:30pm – Multimodal Commission having an opportunity to meet others involved in various committees (transit, bike ped task force, greenways) together at HiWire
- Buncombe Bike Ed
 - AOB building a section of their website to allow people to register and pay online for bicycle education classes
 - At earlier meeting today (Watch for Me, NC), Mike suggested to DA requiring taking Cycle Smart, rather than fines, as an option for people who receive tickets; also possibly having motorists opt out of fines through working as school crossing guards
- Asheville/Buncombe
 - Discussion/Input regarding House Bill 232: “AN ACT TO DIRECT THE DEPARTMENT OF TRANSPORTATION TO STUDY THE BICYCLE SAFETY LAWS IN THIS STATE AND MAKE RECOMMENDATIONS AS TO HOW THE LAWS MAY BE REVISED TO BETTER ENSURE THE SAFETY OF BICYCLISTS AND MOTORISTS ON THE ROADWAYS.” Four questions in law and Barb has been asked for her suggestions about how to respond. She shared recommendations from BikeWalk NC. There was discussion about the passing law and suggestions to consider speeds and other issues, such as city vs rural. Discussion of context, and requiring single file if delaying more than 3 vehicles. Question about ID – varying opinions, recommendations for contact information, not requiring

- government ID; laws won't make it safe without infrastructure and funding for the infrastructure
- Watch for Me NC Campaign – Campaign kicks off on August 4 at National Night Out 5:30 – 7:30 at Pack Square Park; will include education and enforcement activities; training yesterday for officers on enforcement activities; probably 30 days of warning and then ticketing; Barb asked for help from task force members and handed out cards for people to sign up. Video on the city's U-tube channel. Lots of additional discussion about locations where enforcement is needed, and other aspects of the campaign.
 - Some guidelines for committees is being circulated at the city level and Barb will bring that for discussion next month
 - Bike ped counts – Till and Laurie will coordinate the counts, Mike Sule agreed to coordinate volunteers, and Tom has already agreed to enter the data;

Open Discussion/Project Work

- Task Force Website – continued discussion – Liz, Billie and Janet met and discussed website and Billie brought notes to meeting for discussion. The current website is hard-coded, and Lee is willing to make the changes we're requesting now. If others are interested in changing over the Wordpress, he's willing to hand it over.
 - ACTION REQUESTED: Members should review recommendations (attached) before next meeting and decide if those are recommendations that the Task Force supports. If comments or suggestions, send to Billie blofland1@gmail.com
- “Bike Friendly Community” group update – (& [draft application](#)) – see above under Multimodal Commission
- “Walk Friendly Community” work study group update – meeting July 24 at 9:00 a.m. to focus on how to help with NC Watch for me
- Mike Sule reported on meetings with Rep McGrady regarding HB 44 and bicycle advocacy; HB 44 restricts city and NC DOT's ability to build bike lanes or other facilities without a vote of the Board of Transportation; may have been changed to other language related to LOS D; most of the bill is about riparian buffers so it's really unclear what the background is on this provision

Announcements/Events:

- **Next Bike/Ped Task Force meeting – Thursday, August 27 at 5:30pm**

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Website

<http://www.abptaskforce.org/>

1. Use a larger font size – or give option for different font sizes.
2. Create a new Home Page: As it stands, the Home Page (<http://www.abptaskforce.org>) is the same URL address and the *Latest News & Information* sidebar category (<http://www.abptaskforce.org/index.htm>) Usually the Home page is the /index page..
 - Photo (s)
 - Maybe move info from *Who We Are* to Home page?
3. Create a new URL for *Latest News & Information*
4. Update *Meeting Minutes and Agendas*
5. Incident Report Form – Add one for Pedestrians. Maybe also one for drivers who observe problems—such as sight lines?
6. *Infrastructure Maintenance Request Form* – The same link appears twice:
<http://www.leepirtle.com/abp/maintreq/>. Maybe reword section and create a graphic that users can click on to get to the form.
7. *Safety Tips*
 - Have PDF links open as separate page
 - Add safety videos
8. *Op-Ed Articles*
 - Maybe move to be under Latest News and Information
 - Maybe have links open in new page?
 - *Related Links and Resources* - Update links & remove broken/outdated links. Here are a few examples of problem links:
[On The Road: Bicycle Safety.](#) [On The Road: Bicycle Safety.](#) [Bicycle Rules and Safety.](#) [City of Asheville Pedestrian plan.](#)
9. Email link, abpwebmaster@lepirtle.com – is it current?

Home Page – Perhaps new *News & Information Page*?

Item #	Header - Subject	Issues	Action
1	Proposed Bike There routes	Wording confusing	Vitalize <i>Bike There</i>
2	Five pro cyclists reflect on bike safety and their experiences in this video by PeopleForBikes.org		
3	Bicycle Friendly Community Application and Feedback (2012-06-22)		
4	2011/2012 Goals - last updated 06 August, 2011		
5	Provide Input to the NC DOT 30 year Transportation Plan (2011-06-03)	Plan completed	Update
6	Winning Campaigns Training (Asheville, NC) - November 5-7 (2010-08-12)		
7	Help design the Healthy Living Opportunities Map (2010-07-02)		
8	2010 Goals (2010-06-15)		
9	Liberty Bicycles celebrates 30 years of advocacy(2010-04-12)		
10	Want to become more involved with transportation issues? (2010-02-1)		
11	2009 Accomplishments (2010-01-26)		
12	NC DOT has adopted a Complete Streets Policy		
13	Accomplishments made in 2008 toward Bicycle Friendly Initiative in Asheville (2009-12-31)		
14	New Bike transportation map for Asheville and Buncombe County is now available (2008-12-09)		

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15	Two motorist-bicyclist safety videos are available on the web (2008-04-02)		

16	Strive Not to Drive (2008-03-30)	Outdated	Update
17	Asheville Citizen-Times stories (2008-01-28)		<i>In the News</i> section
18	We can make Asheville a 'fittest city' 2008-01-25	<i>Link NG</i>	Delete
19	City of Asheville's Draft Comprehensive Bicycle Plan 2008-01-14	Link NG	
20	Asheville's Parks and Recreation Master Plan 2008-01-03	Outdated	Delete
21	Safe Routes to Schools-Emma Elementary School 2007-11-30		
22	White Paper Sent To City Council members 2007-11-19		
23	Develop A Comprehensive Bicycle Plan 2007-10-27	Outdated	Delete
24	Thank-you David Foster 2007-09-27		
25	Thank-you NC DOT and McCray Coates 2007-09-14		
26	Pedestrian Information Needed 2007-09-14	Outdated	Delete
27	Comments Needed 2007-08-22	Outdated	Delete
28	Proposed Bike Plan for Asheville 2007-07-27	Current?	

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