

## **Asheville Bicycle and Pedestrian Task Force**

### **Minutes**

**December 3, 2015**

**Individuals present:** Meg Pigman, Terri March, Tony Hauser, Billie Lofland, Barb Mee, Grace Curry, Claudia Nix

#### **Multimodal Report**

- Terri reported on the Multi-Modal Commission. Till gave our recommendations to the Commission last night and they will go to the City Council retreat with the other Commission recommendations. Terri, Don Kostelec and Rich Lee will meet on Monday to put the document together.
- We discussed changing our Task Force meetings so they come before the Multimodal meetings. This would allow the Task Force to better contribute to the Multimodal Commission. All agreed that if the room is available our future meetings will be held on the third Thursday of the month. That would make our next meeting on Thursday January 21<sup>st</sup>.

#### **Website Revisions**

Billie reported on her work with the website.

- Revisions submitted to Lee Pirtle are attached to the end of these minutes.
- There are a few things with which she needs help with including,
  - someone type up information for the home page on the Bike Friendly application with a link to the application.
  - someone to type up a paragraph to introduce the report forms as well as an explanation between crash vs. accident.
  - She needs help with a new Take Action section that includes bike rodeos and bike/ped counts.
  - Grace also requested that the walk friendly group be added.

#### **APD Report**

Meg reported on the APD work with Watch for Me, NC initiative. On Dec 14 they will have their final partner program with Watch for Me. So far they had seven decoy operations and given 42 citations to motorists. Citations were only offered for major infractions or after a first warning. There was some negative press which did not make the District Attorney very happy. They had a 30% reduction in crashes. She wondered how we can keep the negative press from happening in the future.

**Announcements:**

- Janet went to the Walking Summit in DC where there were 500 attending.
- Rich Lee is now the At Large member of the Multi-Modal Commission. They meet the fourth Wednesday of the month and meetings are open to the public. To see the agenda, go to the city website and it should be listed there.
- A large part of last month's Multi-Modal meeting revolved around the Environmental Impact Assessment (EIS) of the I-26 Connector. The Complete Streets policy maximizes the Smith Mill Creek Greenway as a way to address some of the impact. The City will give their recommendations for the project.
- The City is also working on the contract with the Transit Authority. Bus drivers are unionized and are coordinated by a company which has a contract with the City. The city is concerned with their lack of control and accountability with the Transit Authority so they are working on the contract to improve some of those concerns, for example having enough buses running to keep the system running efficiently.
- Barb mentioned that the sidewalk project down Hendersonville Hwy will be happening soon. The City has applied for a technical assistant grant for a transit audit.
- The Livingston Street design project is supposed to be completed by March. She met with the engineers today.

We also talked about the NC DOT resurfacing projects which are listed on their website. Many are not relevant to us because they are dead-end roads and sections of road that don't go anywhere. It is a very cumbersome project to go through them all because they use the state road numbers when listing the projects. We probably need a group to go through them to determine which projects are relevant to our causes.

Submitted by Claudia Nix, with reformatting by Billie Lofland

## Asheville Bike and Pedestrian Task Force Website

Submitted to Lee Pirtle, 12-08-2015

**Create a new *Home* page** - <http://www.abptaskforce.org/index>

1. It will contain the information found on the "Who We are Page," <http://www.abptaskforce.org/lpwhoweare/whoweare.htm>.
2. Add photos or photo – depending on how the design works to keep all information on one screen.

### **Modify *Contact & Meet Us* Page**

Create two headings, flush left – Contact Us and Meetings

With the contact names, keep as is, with click on name launching email service.

#### **Contact Us** (Heading)

Co-facilitators: Janet Barlow & Till Dohse  
Barb Mee, Liaison, City of Asheville.

#### **Meetings** – Open to all (Heading)

When: 5:30 – 7:00 p.m. We meet on the fourth Thursday of the month except in November and December. Those meetings are combined and we meet on the first Thursday of December.

Where: The City of Asheville Fire Department Training Room on the 4th floor of the Municipal Building, 100 Court Plaza. It is just south of the middle block of Pack Square Park and just west of Pack's Tavern. Occasionally our meeting location or date change, so please contact one of the persons below to insure that we are meeting before attending.

**Change side menu tabs to:**

- **Home**
- **Contact & Meet Us**
- **Incident Reports**
- **Infrastructure Maintenance Request Form**
- **Links & Resources** – Replace “/”: with “ & ””
- **Meeting Minutes** - Delete “and Agendas”
- **News & Information** – Delete “Latest”
- **Safety Tips**