

Asheville Bicycle and Pedestrian Task Force

Minutes

October 19, 2017

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 & Administrative

Attending: Janet Barlow, Claudia Nix, Grace Curry, Jacob Stein, Adam Griffith, Barb Mee, Randy Warren, Scott Dickens

Facilitator: Janet

Minute Recorder: Grace

Review of previous months' minutes:

August minutes added date for Bike-Walk NC

September minutes added Mike Sule's report

Approved minutes with changes to go to website

Open Discussion/Project Work

- Walk-Friendly Working Group: Meeting scheduled for Nov. 10, 9am at 67 Biltmore. Group will focus on the re-application for recognition in the Walk Friendly Communities program. Application due June 15, 2018.
- Website Update: Scott handed out website outline (see attachment).
 - Suggested changes:
 - Home page, delete IMR form, add Asheville APP, keep Incident Form (Scott will investigate who receives this form)
 - History page: include details about the history of the Task Force and information on how the group fits in to the City's organizational structure (Task Force is independent body, not a Commission). Scott will suggest wording at next meeting.
 - General Information page: add Connect Buncombe. Provide link to pedestrian and bicycle count data, include photos
 - Adam said he could possibly help with GIS and maps
- Adam Griffith shared that he and other interested neighbors are interested in the possibility of using private money for signs, particularly pedestrian signs. Concern was expressed about the equity issues and Adam asked if there were a way to manage that, stating that he'd be glad to pay for signs in various neighborhoods, and mentioning signs such as the in-crosswalk sign at West

Asheville Baptist Church. Barb & Jacob stated that private money has not been allowed for electronic speed signs. Barb will research further what is allowed or what could be done.

Regular Updates

Asheville Police/Fire Rescue— no representatives; Barb reported that Watch For Me continues

Multimodal Commission - Randy attended the DOT's Transit Division meeting

French broad River MPO - no report

Asheville/Buncombe Updates

- Patton Ave.& Haywood Rd./Johnston Blvd. intersection: DOT engineers and city staff met and are looking at adding two crosswalks; there was also discussion of a mid-block crossing on Haywood and possible signalization of "slip" lane
- DOT redesign of the intersection of Patton & Leicester is beginning
- Design contracts for pedestrian projects identified in bond referendum has been issued
- Requested comments on new bike corral in front of the Admiral Restaurant, West Asheville

Next Bike/Ped Task Force meeting—Nov. 16, 5:30

City Capital projects and Streets staff will attend to update Task Force on sidewalks
Additional report regarding railroad tracks on Riverside
Bicycle Pedestrian Count information

Possible agenda item to discuss in January: update of Bike Map

Upcoming Events

Pumpkin Pedaller Oct. 28, 2017

Asheville On Bikes Forum for City Council candidates Oct. 26, 2017

Following are documents passed out by Scott Dickens for web site discussion

Web Site: Outline for Changes and Updates

Proposed New Tab Layout:

Home:

Largely unchanged

Add:

Get Involved:

Everyone Welcome, meetings open to all.

When: 5:30 – 7:00 p.m. We meet on the third Thursday of the month except in November and December. Those meetings may be combined and probably will be on the first Thursday of December.

Incident Report

IMR Form

Might want to move some of the information from the “General Information” page, to this page

General Information and News

The following is not organized, this “General Information” page needs to be carefully thought out, and will need regular maintenance to keep it current.

Asheville on Bikes events

<http://openstreetsasheville.com/> Open Streets

<http://www.ashevillenc.gov/departments/parks/recreation/outdoor.htm>

RADTIP plans

Complete Streets/Vision Zero Adoption

Asheville City App: http://www.ashevillenc.gov/departments/it/online/service_requests.htm

(iPhone and Android links at bottom of page)

Blue Ridge Bicycle Plan

Local Bike and Pedestrian Plans:

Bike There 2016. Proposed Bike There routes updated 2014-01-11

<http://www.ashevillenc.gov/Departments/Transportation/BicyclePedestrianServices.aspx#2005pedplan>

<http://www.ashevillenc.gov/departments/community/riverfront/radtip/default.htm>

<http://www.ashevillenc.gov/departments/transport/greenways.htm>

<http://www.landofsky.org/brbp.html>

[WalkScore.com](#). Want to know how walkable your neighborhood-or prospective neighborhood-is? This website can help by calculating a community's "walkability" rating, can help.

[Asheville Parks & Greenways Foundation](#)

[Bicycle Transportation Alliance](#) is a non-profit membership organization working to promote bicycling and improve bicycling conditions in Oregon.

[City of Asheville Parks, Recreation & Cultural Arts Department](#).

[North Carolina Dept. of Transportation \(NCDOT\) Division of Bicycle & Pedestrian Transportation](#) has a wealth of information about bicycling in NC and the NC Safe Routes to School Program. Go here to register for the SRTS regional workshops being held across the state in October.

[National Center for Bicycling & Walking](#) whose mission is to create bicycle-friendly and walkable communities.

[French Broad River Metropolitan Planning Organization](#) has many resources about local transportation issues.

[Healthy Buncombe](#) is a coalition on individuals and organizations interested in making policy changes that will enable our citizens to be more healthy and fit.

History Page: move everything from the News and Information page

Meeting Minutes

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Contact US

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Bicycle and Pedestrian Links and Resources:

Bike, and Bike specific links:

[Asheville Cycling.Com](#)

[Asheville On Bikes](#)

[League of American Bicyclists](#) is a national bicycle organization founded 1880.

Blue Ridge Bicycle Club

General Safety and Tips links:

Bicycle Helmet Information. Cornell guide with information about bike helmets and usage.

Bicycle Helmets. Information from the Berkeley Parents Network about bicycle helmets.

(New York City) Bicycle Riding Tips. Safety tips for riding bikes in the city.

Bicycle Safety Equipment. Outlines the equipment needed for safe cycling.

Bicycle Safety. Online bicycle safety information.

"How to Not Get Hit by Cars". Important lessons in bicycle safety.

Kids and Bicycle Safety are tips for bicycle for kids from the National Highway Transportation Administration.

Rights and duties of bicyclists is a video showing bicyclists, among other things, how to ride in traffic, including controlling the lane and using left turn lanes to turn left.

Road. The City of Austin, Texas has developed a YouTube video about traffic safety and sharing the road.

Teaching Children Bicycle Safety. Information on how to teach bike safety to children.

"Ultimate Bike Safety Guide" offers additional bicycle safety links.

(UK) Bike Safety in the UK - an introduction. A resource of the Bicycle Storage Company.

Bike Safety Tips and Statistics. Information and suggestions on how to ride safely.

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GENERAL: [City of Asheville Parks, Recreation & Cultural Arts Department](#).

HISTORY: (13 Years old) [City of Asheville Pedestrian plan](#).

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Delete: Design of roundabouts [roundabouts \(traffic circles\)](#).

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THIS IS DATED 2011, IS THERE A MORE CURRENT ONE AVAILABLE? North Carolina Bicycle Commuter's Guide. The City of Asheville has available a Bicycle Commuter's Guide. To request a printed copy of the guide contact Kathy Molin, Transportation Demand Coordinator. Her telephone number is 828-232-4564 and her email address is KMolin@ashevillenc.gov. The guides are free to the Asheville public. They can also be picked up at local bicycle shops and the chamber of commerce or city hall in the engineering office on the first floor to the left of the elevators.

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