

Bicycle and Pedestrian Task Force
DRAFT Minutes
July 19, 2018

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 Details

- Till Dohse, Terri March, Julie Young, Robin Mondin, Randy Warren, Meg Pigman, Tom Redinger, Grace Curry, Donner Lonas, Janet Barlow, Mike Sule
- Janet taking minutes, Till facilitating
- **Review minutes – OK? Changes?**

Guest(s)

Open Discussion/Project Work

- Report from the Walk-Friendly Working Group - review of application for redesignation silver walk friendly city, to be submitted in August
- Website update – no report
- Ped bike counts – Til will manage ped bike counts again in September, volunteers in a week ahead of count dates, focus to afternoon counts, stick to locations that have been counted before, be sure to cover South Slope locations
- Concerns regarding College Street crosswalk - Julie and Robin – close calls at College Street crosswalk to Rankin Garage (crossing between Wells Fargo and Rankin garage). Vehicles coming too fast and cars passing on the right; parallel parking on street sometime not in parking places; Requested hi-vis crosswalk, in-crosswalk yield to ped sign only lasted a few days; buses going too fast and not yielding; RRFB?; raised crosswalk would be potentially unlikely due to emergency vehicle response time;

Other?

Regular Updates

- Asheville Police/Fire/Rescue – Training in August on National Night out general announcements
- Multimodal Commission – retreat last month, identified action items related to transit plan implementation, greenway plan, comprehensive plan,; some discussion of Biltmore McDowell feasibility review, lead projects, Merriman, I-26, Charlotte Street, some prioritized items in each area; **Terri will send me a link**
- French Broad River MPO – no updates
 - Asheville/Buncombe
 - meeting with DOT today; Fairview Road sidewalk from Biltmore village to Swannanoa River Road underway, have begun that project; Changes at Biltmore and Southside signal installed and working now; some discussion of curb ramp standards and inspection; new Division Engineer – Mark Gibbs New assistant transportation director is here – Jessica Morriss; Bucky Galloway, NCDOT safety engineer will be at next meeting
 - I-26 working group update – no report; consider inviting Bruce Emory to come talk at October meeting
 - Bike share survey up through Sunday on Open City Hall

- Buncombe Bike Ed update – classes scheduled regularly, don't have registration information; AOB youth club has funds to send adults (parents of kids in class) to class; need help on bike rodeo for Open Streets
- Open Streets
 - scheduled for September 16
 - planning continues, meeting next week
 - volunteer recruitment beginning now
- Strive!
 - No report
- Street Tweaks – Mike Sule
 - meeting on August 1st, 4-9 pm at 207 Coxe Ave
 - showed some ideas that came out of the first meeting; more discussion and information at next meeting
 - Another invitation only meeting on the August 2nd with MMTC and Downtown Commission from 2-3, 207 Coxe

Announcements/Events

- Next Bike/Ped Task Force meeting – Thursday, August 16 at 5:30 pm; Bucky Galloway will be our guest.
- September meeting will have Barbara Whitehorn, to discuss participatory budgeting
- Guests you want to invite to future meetings?
- Other?