

**Bicycle and Pedestrian Task Force**  
**DRAFT Minutes**  
**March 15, 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**

- Barb Mee, Lucy Crown, Brendan Merithew, Claudia Nix, Tom Redinger, Scott Dickens, Til Dohse, Tristan Winkler, Terri March, Meg Pigman, Grace Curry, Donner Lohnes, Anna Allsburg, Randy Warren, Han Winograd
- Facilitator for tonight – Til Dohse
- Review minutes – Barb passed out minutes from February and asked for comments, no changes

**Guest:** Lucy Crown, City Greenway Update

- Applying for two grants that should speed up progress
- RAD TIP greenway in progress – particular design detail issues that group provided input on related to Meadow/Amboy intersection and shared use path and separated bike lane
- Swannanoa greenway - finalizing contract with Equinox Environment
- Just started working on greenway connectors – working with Alta Planning on that

**Open Discussion/Project Work**

- Report from the Walk-Friendly Working Group – Grace reported that there has not been much change since February meeting; deadline extended to have walk friendly awards given out at the Bike Walk Summit in the fall. Needs to check about when we have to have the reapplication survey submitted. Can look at survey online; additional information has been entered by Jacob, Tristan and others. Helpful to meet and review information. Any other issues for this group? Possibly the crosswalk education information campaign??
- Website update – Lee is resigning as of May 1, hosts our web site now and that will need to change; using dreamweaver now, but need to change the site; Scott will be willing to maintain, but setting up the hosting domain name, \$\$, are questions, etc. Appointed a work group to deal with the web site issues – Scott, Anna, Han, Donner

**Regular Updates**

- Asheville Police –
  - Submitted support letter for Watch for Me for next year;
  - Concerns expressed by Randy Warren about vehicles not stopping at the stop line, and not stopping for RTOR. Meg said it may be possible to look more at that issue, even if not a part of Watch for Me. Randy asked for data on police stops related to that question and suggested a campaign “respect the line or pay the fine” for enforcing people stopping at stop line;
  - How could task force help police? Provide educational information about crosswalk laws, and putting foot in crosswalk. Approach Answer Man? Next Door

network; facebook info; enforcement is focused on keeping people safe; sensitive about jaywalking issues at this point, obviously

- Multimodal Commission –
  - Presentation about BikePed Task Force last month and it went well;
  - Mike Sule talked about AOB and BRBC working with Street Plans on tactical urbanism;
  - Lucy updated on MMTC on greenway progress;
  - Vision zero was added to AIM plan;
  - Deadline for vacancy related to bike ped rep on MMTC was extended, Terri hasn't seen applications but will see if there's a way to get info and send to BikePed Task Force regular attendees; meeting is next week; Looked like applications were on the Council agenda for 3/13; Barb will check further into whether the City Council acted, etc and send info to regular attendees as appropriate.
- French Broad River MPO
  - \$22 million in grants available; competitive call for projects; city is applying for greenway grants, transit vehicles, sidewalk projects (supplementing Bond sidewalk projects); city is applying \$18 million
  - Question from Claudia about previous funding that came back to MPO; was an accounting issue;
  - Draft Congestion Management Process is going out in next few weeks – Some sections set aside for allowing congestion if in higher ped/bike areas (not going to be of general issues)
  - Discussion with a planner – March 21 at noon in Arden, will do others around the area
- Asheville/Buncombe –
  - Sweeten Creek projects – staff report Overlook at Hendersonville Road; Council approved intersection as proposed, with right turn lane, adding sidewalk and bus shelter on Overlook and crosswalks;
  - Transit Master plan is going to be presented the 26th, 27th & 28th;
  - Moving forward on neighborhood sidewalks – Majestic, Wood Ave, Fairview Road has two sidewalk projects;
  - Capital projects division has a work project dashboard that you can look at to see what's happening
  - City doing feasibility study on shared bikes that will kick off focus groups in April
  - Question about garbage cans on the sidewalks and issues for pedestrians who are wheelchair users;
  - Norfolk Southern railway is doing work on track on Riverside; challenge of crossing will remain; Road will be closed for a day or so and had proposed detour that was way too long for pedestrians and bicyclists and Barb basically had them do a shorter detour for bikes and peds; she'll let us know when
- Buncombe Bike Ed update – no report
- Open Streets is happening and date determined – September 16 need more volunteers, pushing for better business engagement
- Strive! Happening May 11- 18 need more volunteers
- Asheville Design Center and Mountain True doing project to put together a temporary redesign for alleyway downtown
  - planned for last spring/early summer

- Janet encouraged using the FHWA Accessible Shared Streets Design guide [https://www.fhwa.dot.gov/environment/bicycle\\_pedestrian/publications/accessible\\_shared\\_streets/index.cfm](https://www.fhwa.dot.gov/environment/bicycle_pedestrian/publications/accessible_shared_streets/index.cfm)
- March 22 webinar - Barb presenting on access to stores/groceries
- April 5, 2:30 pm webinar by Access Board on Accessible Shared Streets will be available in Transportation Department

**Announcements/Events**

- Next Bike/Ped Task Force meeting – Thursday, April 19, at 5:30 pm
- Agenda Items for next month?
- Guests you want to invite to future meetings?
- Other?

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