

Bike / Ped Task Force Meeting May 17, 2018

Individuals Present: Scott Dicken, Brendan Merzithew, Tom Redinger, Billie Lofland, Donner Lohnes, Joy Ponder (AFD), Meg Pigman (APD), Jacob Stein

Jacob Stein - Facilitator and note taker

Minutes of last meeting were reviewed and no changes requested.
No additions to the agenda

No one from Walk-Friendly was there, though Billie said that Grace had questions about who was in charge of the process and submission as well as a few other questions that Billie couldn't remember. Grace will email Barb Mee with those questions.

Scott has fully transferred the website into his control and paid for the hosting for 3 years and management/maintenance access for two. He is working on uploading all of the minutes to the website that have not already been uploaded.

No updates from Fire or Police.

Jacob Stein gave an update on all of the going ons from the last Multimodal Commission meeting. Said that:

- Todd Okolichany presented on the Final Draft of the Comprehensive Plan. It is complete and on the website for review.
- The project on N Charlotte Street passed City Council and includes a road diet from 4 lanes to two travel lanes and a center turn lane. This diet goes from around the I-240 bridge to Edwin Place.
- Discussed cascading the unfunded section of I-26 Connector from being a Statewide Mobility level project to a Regional Impact project so that it can be funded in this round of funding. It fell short in the scoring when it was listed as a Statewide project.
- MMTTC heard a rundown of all of the Strive events and specifically a discussion of the location and time of the summit which is being held tomorrow 5/18.
- Saw a presentation on the Transit Master Plan.
- Heard a presentation from Vaidila on a Vision Zero Staff report and draft Council Resolution

No one from MPO came so no update.

Brendan told the group what Statewide projects in the SPOT were funded.

- Interchange of I-40/I-240 (at Fairview Road)
- Interchange of I-40 and Porter's Cove Road (exit 55)
- Two airport projects were also selected

Jacob Stein gave an update on STBG:

- STBG Projects Selection

- The City of Asheville projects recommended for funding are as follows:
 - Purchase of Buses (10 buses)
 - Town Branch Greenway
 - Johnston Blvd. Sidewalks
 - New Haw Creek Road Sidewalks
 - Oteora Blvd. Sidewalks

Discussed potential addition to STBG funding which would have FBR West funded as well but said that matching funds were not guaranteed as of yet.

Went into minor detail on how it all was being funded within the current budget discussion.

No update from I-26 working group or the Buncombe Bike Ed group (No one from them attended)

Scott updated the group on Open Streets. It is happening, the route hasn't officially been decided on, they will begin fundraising soon.

Walk on Ride On event which occurred on Thursday (Scott was a part of it) was discussed as was the Walk the Talk on Merrimon event (Billie and Brendan attended).

- Walk on Ride on was not particularly a success. They had what they felt was good turn out of 9 people for the South event. Scott said that the rest of the three events did not go as well as hoped.

Jacob updated the group on the fact that the Hill Street sidewalk project was aiming to be completed by the winter and would be concrete and 5ft wide. Billie asked why were we doing it right now at all as it is a waste of resources when DOT is going to come and tear it up. Jacob pointed out that it is very important to the community and that the timeline for when DOT would be coming through was not certain so it was better to not count on it. Also it is far better to have it built when DOT comes through than to try to have it built during or after.

Brendan told us that he had gotten a new position that might not let him come to as many meetings going forward. Also that Fairview Rd has begun but he doesn't know where we are in the project timeline.

Jacob shared the information (found on the agenda) on the City Manager Search and where and how to get involved.