

# **Bicycle and Pedestrian Task Force Minutes February 21, 2019**

## **Introductions & Administrative Details**

- Sign in and brief introduction of all attendees  
Till Dohse, Barb Mee, Tom Redinger, Hannah Cook(NCDOT), Scott Dickens, Claudia Nix, Terri March, Andrew Cibor, Randy Warren
- Facilitator for tonight: Till Dohse
- Taking minutes: Scott Dickens
- Review minutes; November 2018 and Jan 2019 Approved
- Review 2018 annual report – OK
- Agenda OK

## **Guest**

Andrew Cibor, City of Asheville Traffic Engineer, open question session. 5 Months on the job, Previously Boise ID and Bloomington IN, experience in walk and bike friendly certifications. Number one need of city for biking infrastructure is a comprehensive north/south, east/west, connected bike spine.

## **Open Discussion/Project Work**

- List of Walk-Friendly presentation to City Council and celebration; will 4/9 work for all? Far ranging discussion of city council agenda.
- Website update – Revisions complete, please send me news and pictures to keep content current, Scott has spent ~\$150 for hosting related expenses. The sense of the group is that we want to find a way to pay Scott back

## **New Business/Projects**

- Facebook page: No update, Tristan not present.
- Bicycle Friendly Community (BFC) application due next year. Barb, Terri, Claudia, led extensive discussion, 2016 (current) application is on google docs, we have until Feb 2020 to submit new application to maintain BFC Status; we do not expect to qualify for silver, Till volunteered to start the process by focusing on the Engineering section next month. Consensus of the group was to get the bulk of the work done early, well before the February 2020 deadline. . Goal for this month is to substantially complete engineering section. Please help if you can.
- Walk Friendly Group: Tristan Winkler, Claudia Nix, Grace Curry, Janet Barlow, Barb Mee, Terri March.

## **Regular Updates**

- Asheville Police - Ofc. Meg Pigman sent her regrets and will be with next month
- Multimodal Commission – Randy Warren reported: no current changes to implement Transit Master Plan as scheduled, as there are no funds currently available, discussed the five new electric buses that are here and being tested for how well they fit Asheville needs, demo rides were given, discussed potential ¼ cent sales tax for transportation funding, but as sales taxes are by county and as Buncombe county has no county transit system, approval may be difficult. Problems with A-B Tech sales tax mentioned as being a further obstacle.
- French Broad River MPO – no update
- Asheville – NCDOT and Asheville are much in alignment on current road issues, crosswalk / light at Walmart on Airport road
- Buncombe – Have a planner from Buncombe attend; Terri will reach out.

- Buncombe Bike Ed update: LCIs have met, want to find funds to keep Bettina who has been marketing and administering class registrations.
- Street Tweaks - Coxe Ave update: Refresh paint in April, no refresh of mural do to objections from ZaPow
- NCDOT – Open House 2/25 – 3/1, 55 Orange Street. Public comments being taken.
- Asheville on Bikes/BRBC - Bike Love Saturday 2/23 at Isis Music Hall
- Other City notes –
  - Bike and e-scooter share feasibility meeting 2/18, 25 – 30 attendees. Survey on Open City Hall through this Sunday evening. Study report will go to Council 3/12, expect to then work on recommendations for regulation and pilot project proposal.
  - Charlotte road diet: drop in meetings held 2/19, 100 attendees in morning session, 100 plus for evening session.
  - The City of Asheville is about to embark a search for our next Police Chief, a search that will be open and accessible to the public and City staff. Community input will be used to develop a profile for the Police Chief position for consideration by City Manager Debra Campbell in hiring the new Chief. You can participate by completing the survey on [Open City Hall Asheville](#), or by attending the city's regular Southside Neighborhood Hours, held at the Grant Center from 3 to 6 p.m. the fourth Thursday of every month. In each case, the City wants to hear from residents on what leadership qualities they would like to see in our next Police Chief.
  - Brief discussion about Rebecca Chaplin and AARP's, and support program for training staff in walk friendly knowledge.

#### **Announcements/Events**

- Next Bike/Ped Task Force meeting – March 21