

**Bicycle and Pedestrian Task Force
Minutes
January 17, 2019**

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 facilitating, Janet taking minutes

Present:

Till Dohse, Janet Barlow, Barb Mee, Claudia Nix, Billie Lofland, Tom Redinger, Grace Curry, Randy Warren, Brennan Merithew, Scott Dickens, Guests: Dana Frankel, Dustin Clements,

- 1) **Annual report:** reviewed and approved for sending the MM commission
- 2) **Presentation:** Haywood Street streetscape project.

Dana Frankel, City of Asheville Downtown Development Specialist, and Dustin Clemens, City of Asheville Capital Projects Department reviewed progress and results of public meetings to date. This is a project funded by the transportation bond and main goal is sidewalk improvement between Vanderbilt and College. Because there is sewer work needed in the street area, MSD and City are coordinating the scheduling to keep from tearing the street up twice. Five designs were shown at the public meeting and city has final design is being worked on. Hoping to get out to bid next month and start construction in March.

- 3) NCDOT – new STIP for 2020 – 2029 published. ?? mentioned several projects that particularly of interest because of sidewalk projects included.

Open Discussion/Project Work

- 4) List of Walk-Friendly Working Group and collaborators – discussed presentation to City Council and celebration dates are reviewed list of people who participated. Decided to request time on March 12 City Council agenda. Remember to note that we deliberately did not apply

for gold; proud of city's progress but feel there's a lot of work to be done still

- 5) Website update – Scott still need minutes from January, June, August, and November 2018 meetings. Anyone have them? Noted that Tristan took notes in November. Janet will look through her computer files for others, but knows she was not in town for the January meeting.

New Business/Projects

- Facebook page: Discussed but no strong interest from anyone in doing much more with it.
- Bike Map update – Bike route suitability map was discussed. It was last updated in 2008. An update and reprint bike map was discussed, and general feeling is that print maps gets out of date very quickly, and it would take a lot of work to bring it up to date. Not a high priority to task force members present
- Bicycle Friendly Community – re-application is due next year so it's time to get a group together to begin work on renewal application

Regular Updates

- Asheville Police/Fire/Rescue – no report
- Multimodal Commission – last month's meeting completely devoted to e-scooters. Included in bike share feasibility study.
- French Broad River MPO – no report
- Asheville–
 - City staff negotiating with team regarding Greenway, ADA transition and Pedestrian plan and should have settled on the scope and details in next few weeks.
 - Barb is responding to APBP about their 2021 conference and proposal for it to be held in Asheville; will need task force help if accepted
- Buncombe Bike Ed update - no report
- Asheville on Bikes - Street Tweaks - Coxe Ave update- meeting to plan repairs/repainting, applied for and received funding for another project, details and location still to be decided
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Announcements/Events

- Next Bike/Ped Task Force meeting – February 21
- Meeting/hearing regarding Charlotte Street on Feb 19
- Guests you want to invite to future meetings? Andrew Cibor, city traffic engineer was suggested
- Other?