

Bicycle and Pedestrian Task Force

Minutes

May 16, 2019

Introductions & Administrative Details

- Attendees: Barb Mee, Grace Curry, Till Dohse, Claudia Nix, Tom Redinger, Terri March, Tristan Winkler, Mike Sule
- Till facilitating and Claudia took notes
- Reviewed the minutes from April. A few changes need to be made, Claudia is listed twice, Till should have 2 l's and Grace not Terri made the presentation on Walk Friendly Award at city council.
- Please continue to send Scott pictures and information on the web site.

New Business:

Mike Sule brought up concern about a recent crash between motorist traveling east on Patton Ave between Church St. and Lexington. He was traveling in the left lane and then turned into a bicyclist traveling in same direction in the right lane. Motorists decided to turn from left lane into the parking lot on the right side of the road into the exit and ran into the bicyclists causing damage to his bicycle. This occurred at 11:47 AM. Motorist did stop but didn't stay. The bicyclists got the tag number but did not request motorist to stay. Apparently, motorist did not receive a citation. We discussed the need to give cyclists information on what to do when involved in a crash. AOB is willing to help develop materials.

Also, people have been parking in bike lanes, especially on Clingman and no one is getting tickets for doing so. Once one person does this, others follow which causes bicyclists to ride into the street. Again, much discussion followed. Barb & Mike will be getting together next week to develop a plan where AOB can help educating the public about not parking in bike lanes and adding it to the Watch For Me program.

Scooter and Bike Share Study: Barb says scooter are very polarizing, and is hearing about many stories being published. Police and others with concerns have strong opinions about scooters. We need to start thinking about bike lanes becoming multi-mobility lanes. Much discussion on developing a method for communication on this subject.

Regular Updates:

Asheville Police / Fire & Rescue: No one present

Multi-Modal meeting – Terri reported. Next Wednesday, May 22 will be Multi-Modal meeting the update on Charlotte St plan, Urban Center Update, South Slope Vision Plan will be discussed. Also, on docket will be Capitol Projects and Sidewalks on Fairview Road, Sweeten

Creek Rd widening, New Liecester ROW issues and Wood Ave. Vermont sidewalks is underway with issues on reducing trees which are in the way of sidewalks.

French Broad River MPO – Tristan

Survey is still available on 25 year plan, please take the survey and as your groups to participate. They have 600 people who have already commented. Can access through their website: FBRMPO.org.

The Regional Trail group which Mike Sule is a member has started meeting. They will begin their prioritization process for the Draft TIP

Buncombe County – Terri

Terri is no longer a county employee and she is trying to find a replacement. There is interest and she hopes to have someone join us soon. There is also interest in the county in working with transit, conversatations are happening.

NCDOT – No one present today but several made comments that changes are happening in Region 13. Folks commented they like Mark Gibbs and he is giving out sage advise on Merrimon Ave. They will be putting in multi-modal measures. Discussion on getting together a group of businesses who are in agreement of multi-modal measures. Mike will be working on this suggestions made in including Eric at Vinneys, LeuElla BBQ and Vision Source are all supportive.

Strive and Beyond this week – Mike Sule

Roll outa Work tomorrow evening is happening. There will be an Urban Bike Course at New Belgium after the ride. Included in the course will be time for folks to practice putting their bike on and off a city bus.

Also 6AM tomorrow will be a Walk to School Day at Haw Fletcher. AOB is giving support for this program but PTA is putting it on. Asheville Primary School is also interested in participating.

On May 26, 2019 AOB will be working on a decommissioned tennis court at the Shiloh Community Center and putting in a painted bike rodeo course.

He also met with the principal at Asheville Middle School about putting in a bicycle playground. They next need to meet with the Asheville School Board for permission. The principal wants it.

Buncombe Bike Ed – Claudia We are to have a class this weekend at the Senior Opportunity Center and another on May 30th at Asheville High.

City Notes – Barb Mee

City Planning Dept. is working on the Urban Center Update for multi-modal. There are several surveys open for the public one is the Noise Ordinance. Barb attended a Complete Streets workshop yesterday.

Plan on asking Lucy Crown to come to our next meeting for an update on Greenways in the city.

Several sidewalks are okayed, Onteoria in Oakley, New Haw Creek and Johnston Blvd.