

# Bicycle and Pedestrian Task Force

## Minutes

**November 18, 2021**

**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

- Sign in and brief introduction of all attendees, Till Dohse, Lucy Crown, Tony Hauser, Grace Curry, Tristan Winkler, Scott Dickens, Randy Warren, Terri March
- Facilitator for tonight? Till
- Do we have someone taking minutes? Scott
- Review/accept September minutes, review tonight, if no changes, we will accept minutes tomorrow via email

### Old Business

- Randy brings Motion to support:
  - “To include the Multimodal Transportation Commission in the decision-making process to change speed limits in the city of Asheville”.
  - Discussion, Randy, Terri, Scott 2nds, Till comments and agrees. An important point made was that road closures are routinely brought to the Commission, and speed limit changes should follow similar protocols.
  - Vote taken, passes unanimously.

### New Business

- Scott asks about vision zero for the city, and about work on New Leicester Hwy sidewalks?
- Grace asks about what is “vision zero”, Has City has adopted Vision Zero? Yes, but no action or money yet. Randy and Terri provide input and background.
- Prior to the meeting Randy Warren requested adding Merrimon Ave to the agenda:
  - Randy gives an update and wants to make a proposal to the city that we have a

public involvement meeting and solicit comments. He argued that this will likely help bolster our position that a 4 to 3 road diet conversion of Merrimon Ave is in our community's best interests. Randy explains...He asks for public meeting to get movement on calming the traffic on Merimon Ave. Mike Sule, Asheville on Bike, has offered help

- Formal Motion: "To have City of Asheville engage in a public input session to assess public support for 4-lane to 3-lane road diet for Merrimon Avenue." Terri and Randy discussion, Tristan adds comment, Tony weighs in.
- Passes unanimously.

- Till brings up: Email list issues, need city support to create and maintain list
  - Recognition and Thank you for Barb's years of service:
  - Formal recognition of her work on this committee.
  - Dedication of a plaque or monument, bench?
  - Confer with city staff

Grace asked about "Corridor" (Hendersonville Ave, et al) improvements, Randy provided update and general lack of movement

### **Regular Updates :**

None this evening

### **Next Meeting:**

- Dec 16 at French Broad Chocolate lounge, or possibly online
- Agenda for next month is annual report?
- Put off for future: Come up with a strategy and a list of responsibilities for the coming year

Meeting Adjourned at 6:50 PM