

Bicycle and Pedestrian Task Force

Minutes

September 16, 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.*

Attendees

- The following were in attendance: Barb Mee, Claudia Nix, Colin Kinton, Donner Lohnes, Mike Sule, Lucy Crown, Paul Endry, Randy Warren, Scott Dickens, Terri March, Till Dohse.
- Facilitator: Till Dohse
- Minutes: Till Dohse / Terri March

Announcement

After 40+ years of service, guiding the Asheville Pedestrian Task Force and working toward making Asheville a bike friendly walkable city, Ms Barb Mee will step down as our city representative. We will greatly miss her.

Discussion/Project Work

There was a brief discussion of the preliminary results of the Bike/Ped Counts. Till summarized the data collected so far. This year there were fewer volunteers and thus fewer stations for which we had data, however most of priority sites were surveyed. It was also the first year since 2018 with good weather, thus counts (bicycles) were higher. We also had some data on minority representations, but those numbers were not reliable enough to make any conclusions. The bulk of the discussion was focused on making the survey better and more useful. The group did not make any specific improvement recommendations at this date.

Barb mentioned the need for a different survey that is needed for a DOT study. More information will be provided at a later date.

Regular Updates

- Multi Modal Commission – Randy Warren Commission heard a report from an NC DoT representative and discussed prioritizing traffic safety.
- City of Asheville – Barb Mee There is progress on the Amboy to French Broad River Park Connecting Greenway. Bide/Walk NC Summit planned for Nov 4-6. will happen There are still two surveys from “Close the Gap” open.
- AoB - Mike Sule brought the group up to date on the projects of Asheville on Bikes: Connect Buncombe The success of the youth cycling program at Asheville Middle School The Pumpkin Pedaller is planned for October 30th.

Meeting ended before 7:00 PM.