

Minutes for the Bike/Pedestrian Task Force meeting held 6/26/2003

Individuals in attendance: Nancy Sanders, Terri March, Monica Koerschner, Joseph Viola, James Latimore, Jeffrey Burns, Dan Baechtold, Tony Hauser, David Brannon, Matt Johnson, Linda Giltz, Sasha Vrtunski, David Quinn, Donald Stout, Cathy Hohenstein, & Claudia Nix.

Claudia Nix gave an overview of the purpose of the Task Force & update of what has been accomplished since its inception over 15 years ago. We discussed where the Task Force is today and the current projects.

Began setting ground rules and the structure of the organization. See the listing below:

Ground Rules for Bike/Ped Task Force

Start & Stop on Time

Each member committed to the organization, the tasks at hand by being prepared

Have a pre-set agenda for each meeting (set at closing of the meeting)

Will operate by modified consensus

Will have minutes of last meeting before each meeting

Report to the MPO & press (Sammy Cox, Karen Chavez, BRO)

Strive for a balance

(Geographically, issues, short term & long term)

Task Force Function/Structure

We will meet on a monthly basis, on Thursdays, from 5:30-7:00pm. There was confusion whether we will meet the third or fourth Thursday each time. Decided to meet the 3rd in July to avoid problems with Bele Chere.

We will divide into subgroups when needed, which can meet more frequently. We will report to the MPO (official name is the French Broad River MPO). We will report to them in an effort to make our role more official.

Rather than this organization being responsible for the whole MPO we will concentrate on Asheville & Buncombe Co.

We will identify & encourage the development of other comparable local groups in the other counties in our MPO and coordinate with them on the broader level.

We will work on issues beyond just the TIP (Transportation Improvement Projects for Bike & Ped. Issues.

We will look into additional funding sources such as, NC Recreational Trails funding or private funding sources.

Items to be discussed at next meeting – July 17th

Determine our role with the MPO and official nature of that role.

Homework - each person to familiarize themselves with the MPO (use web site for information www.ci.asheville.nc.us/mpo.htm)

Mission & Goals of the Bike/Ped. Task Force.

Review the existing goals & see if they are sufficient

Determine who we are speaking for

Planning

Projects

Educational needs

Advocacy

Structure Committees and projects

Identify priorities and set time line

Other Items

Invite Jay Swain & Alan Thornburg to a meeting at a later date, possibly August.

Sidewalk & Bike facilities on roads – determine needs & projects to be done.