

Bike! Walk! Northwest Georgia
April 6, 2006
Minutes

Attending: Jimmy Brown, Larry Madden, Patrick Clarey, David Kenemer, David Howerin, Peter Cervelli, Noaleen Ingalsbe, Mark Lamade, Jim Powell, Bobbie Perra, Michael Carver, Bill Moll, Diane Smith

Minutes: The minutes of the March meeting were approved as submitted.

GDOT Response

- David Kenemer shared that GDOT acknowledged the good work this group has done and that we are one of three RDCs in the state that will receive funding for next year
- GDOT approved spending for printing the brochure and for producing and maintaining a website
- We currently have approximately \$10,000 left in the 2005-2006 budget. The new fiscal year begins 7/1/06

Rome/Floyd County Transportation Fair

- CVRBPTF had a table with handout brochures and display bike route maps
- Although the public attendance was low, most Rome/Floyd County officials attended, providing opportunities to discuss common objectives

Walkable/Bikable/Livable Communities Workshop

- Northwest Georgia Public Health in cooperation with Bike! Walk! Northwest Georgia and CVRDC sent letters of inquiry this week to determine interest in a Walkable/Bikable/Livable Communities Workshop
- If there is an interest and communities indicate a commitment to sending a team of people to the workshop we would most likely host the workshop August 30 & 31st
- For more information about the agenda visit www.walkable.org

Anna K. Davie Walkability Review

- **xxx%** of the students walk to school
- The review observed cars parked on the sidewalk, debris and dirt covering the sidewalk, etc.
- Because of the number of intersections, an improved map of the area was felt to be required

Safe Routes to School (SR2S) www.saferoutesinfo.org

- A team of folks worked on a SR2S survey tools for use with parents, school administrators, and students
- The four tools were distributed today for the whole group's input. Diane can e-mail you the draft tools if you would like to review or test them
- Fed Boykin will speak at the May meeting. Fred has been involved in the GDOT funded trial programs in DeKalb

Workgroups

Two workgroups were established:

- To meet with Amy Goodwin (GDOT Bicycle & Pedestrian Coordinator) – David Kenemer, Peter Cervelli, Patrick Clarey, Bill Moll, Diane Smith to discuss a variety of topics with her
 - Dave and Diane will develop a meeting agenda
 - The meeting will preferably be held in Rome in April
- To plan for three Town Hall meetings to provide an opportunity for the public to learn about the candidate's positions on topics related to cycling, walking and "livable" communities – Bobbie Perra, Jim Powell and Peter Cervelli
 - To be held in June prior to the Primary
 - Probably in three locations

Tour de Georgia

- We will have an exhibit at the Rome & Chattanooga expos
- David Kenemer and Noaleen Ingalsbe will take your donations for gift basket raffle at each expo when delivered to the Rome RDC
- Michael Carver (Bob's Cycle shop) is providing two bikes and equipment at each expo for cadence measurement

April 19, 2006 in Rome

- Volunteers - Michael Carver, Peggy Moore, Bill Moll, Noaleen Ingalsbe, David Kenemer

April 20, 2006 in Chattanooga

- Volunteers – Bill Moll, Michael Carver,

April 19, 2006 – Festival in the afternoon and evening in Chickamauga

Bike! Walk! Brochure

- Print 1,000 copies in color
- GDOT approved spending for printing from budget
- The brochure will be distributed at the two expos
- Remaining brochures will be placed at the various tourist information sites in the region

Not for Profit Status

- 501 (c) (3) status is required for many grants
- There are limitations on the amount and type of lobbying allowed for such a group – must be issue oriented

Website

- Need to reserve domain names now for both BikeWalkNorthwestGeorgia (.com, .org, .net) and CVRBPTF.org
- GDOT has approved in principle the use of project funds on website development and maintenance

Future Direction

Great conversation! Here are some things touched on:

- Take the bicycle and pedestrian plan a step further by working with municipalities and counties to adopt supporting resolutions and submit them to GDOT
- Expand membership to include Dept of Economic Development and Dept of Tourism.
- Develop media packet and plan
- Explore group membership to Georgia Coalition for Physical Activity and Nutrition (G-PAN) See <http://www.g-pan.org/GPAN%20Advocacy%20Plan.pdf> to see G-PAN's Advocacy Plan