

Bike! Walk! Northwest Georgia
October 5, 2006
Minutes

Attending: Mark Lamade, Dean Clemmer, Larry Madden, Kurt Eichenberger, Heather Brand, Bill Moll, David Kenemer, David Howerin, Larry Madden, Peggy Moore, Peter Cervelli, Tom Sills

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

Announcements:

- Bill Moll reported briefly on the Pro Walk/Pro Bike Conference in Madison, Wisconsin
- The October 24-25 Georgia Bicycle and Pedestrian Conference will be held in Decatur, Georgia, at the Holiday Inn Conference Center. Bobbie Perra, Dean Clemmer, David Kenemer and Bill Moll have said that they will be attending.

Website

- Peter went through a draft RFQ with the group
- Several people have mentioned groups to whom a RFQ should be sent. Please send those names with contact information to Peter Cervelli (pcervelli@trentonga.net)
- David k. expressed a concern that if the RFQ didn't go out by the next meeting, that the website wouldn't be completed this fiscal year
- Peter and others expressed a concern that the RFQ did not have enough detail to insure that the responses would be comparable or fill our requirements
- Peter Cervelli and Bill Moll were authorized to send out the RFQ, with revisions to the functionality
- Task Force members are to send to Peter (pcervelli@trentonga.net) and Bill (WHMoll@aol.com) examples with URLs of:
 - Websites which they like and specific reasons/functionality liked
 - Websites which they don't like and specifically what is not liked about them
- Dean Clemmer will investigate registering the website with the same group as the RDC website is registered to simplify administration.

Inventory railroad corridors

- There was an extensive discussion of rail corridors. Briefly summarized:
 - Several felt that their development was very important
 - All felt that the contract task was a difficult one
 - Some rail right-of-way has been purchased by adjacent landowners, especially in Rome
 - The route through Cave Spring to connect with the Silver Comet was most important
- Dean Clemmer is to develop a plan on what will be accomplished in this contract phase
- Ed McBrayer should be contacted for another meeting in NW Georgia (January?)
- The relation of the rail corridors and the Task Force to trails such as the Pinhoti is ambiguous

Safe Routes to School

- The focus will be on the Elm Street and Anna K. Davie schools in Rome

- Peggy Moor, Tom Sills and Dean Clemmer will meet with Dr. Buck, the Superintendent, to discuss further actions
- State SRTS Coordinator Adrienne Gil should be invited for the November 2 meeting
- Dean Clemmer will send an invitation to all School Boards within the RDC inviting them to work with BWNWGA to submit a proposal for SRTS

Signage

- The "business" routes to connect with the regional routes are in development
 - Bill has met with Chickamauga to integrate the regional bike routes with local routes
 - A meeting is scheduled for October 17 with Dade/Trenton
 - Meetings with the other cities and counties will be held over the next several months
- Dean and Bill contacted the Cartersville District 6 GDOT office about any existing regional bike signage standards – there were none

Walkable Communities Workshops

- There is money in the contract for two more days of consultant-led workshops
- Tentatively, these will consist of one day in the northern counties and one day in the southern counties
- The format would tentatively be:
 - A morning and afternoon session, each in a different town
 - Each session would consist of a walk-about concentrating on a issue of concern to the town, followed by a work session discussing alternatives to address the concern
- The objective would be that the town would then have the rudiments to start to develop a complete plan and submit funding requests
- Bill Moll will develop a list of potential consultants for the Task Force to pick from
- The plan would then be reviewed by Amy Goodwin

Media Packet – Deferred pending Sheri Henshaw's return

Next meetings: November 2, 2006
 No December meeting is scheduled
 January 4, 2007