

Bike! Walk! Northwest Georgia
March 1, 2007
Minutes

Attending: Mark Lamade, Dean Clemmer, Bill Moll, David Kenemer, David Howerin, Peggy Moore, Diane Smith, Joe Anderson, Larry Madden, Julie Meadows, Tim Jones, Kurt Eichenberger, Larry Madden, Peter Cervelli, Mike Dillard, Bill Steiner, Jimmie Brown, Missy Phillips, Jan Barnes, Jim Shurling, Heather Brand, Jessica Foley, Tom Sills, Don Oliver, Bill Steiner

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

Website – Dean Clemmer

Tendo Technology was selected for the website vendor.

- Dean shared the excel spreadsheet he created to list the trail information
- Diane researching walking tours and walking events for the website. Please send Diane whatever you have along these lines.

Safe Routes to School (SR2S) – Peggy Moore, Diane Smith

Elm St. Elementary School

Bill Moll made a SR2S presentation to a small group of parents & staff on February 22, 2007. There are two upcoming opportunities to share information on SR2S at Elm St.

Cave Spring Elementary

Adrienne Gil, GA SR2S Coordinator will conduct a focus group with parents to test the parent survey tool.

Spring 2007 Livable Communities Workshops

- Bill consulting with Bill Wilkinson, National Center for Bicycling & Walking for a 3 -4 day contract period to complete four project assessments which will include several hours of consultation and interaction with decision makers.
- Possible sites are Trenton, Chickamauga, LaFayette, Rome and Bartow
- Tentative date is the week of April 23, 2007
- On April 27, there will be a half-day workshop based on the assessments.

Regional Bike Route Signage – Bill Moll

- David will order the signs on 3/5/07. Someone will need to purchase the posts as well and possibly a post driver. At least some of the signs will be installed by the Tour de GA. The plan is for the counties to install the signs.

Tour de Georgia – Bill Moll

- Bill will do a brochure. Let him know if you have changes from last year.
- BWNWGA will have a ½ tent at the Rome Expo on Tuesday PM – 4/17/07 Volunteers are needed.
- Need something fun to draw people to the table. Send Bill your ideas.

Submitted by D. Smith

2007-2008 Fiscal Year Plan Ideas

- Sponsor rides or walks to raise money and participation
- Canned presentation on safety
- Rail banking
- Conference for all RDCs to discuss their bike/ped activities
- Livable communities conference co-sponsored with real estate and builder/development groups highlighting regional developments

Other News

- Don Oliver distributed copies of a letter sent to Senator Jeff Mullis regarding a comprehensive rail banking plan for Georgia (copy to be distributed later).
- Don asked that we all request our elected officials to help push a one time buy out of abandoned rail corridors.

Jeffery Hunter Presentation

- Jeffery Hunter, American Hiking Society gave a presentation about the Great Eastern Trail.
- See <http://greateastertrail.org/>
- Several alternatives have been proposed to route the trail through NW Georgia

Next meeting: April 5, 2007. We will be planning for the next fiscal year. Bring your ideas.