

Bike! Walk! Northwest Georgia
August 2, 2007
Minutes

Attending: Bill Moll, David Kenemer, Jessica Foley, Gail Priest, Susan Sexton-Cooley, Joe Anderson, Dean Clemmer, Julie Meadows, Fred Wagner, Tim Jones, Peter Cervelli, Diane Smith

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

Bicycle Safety Classes

Bill moll is teaching bicycle safety classes. He will send out a flyer with more information

Safe Routes to School (SR2S)

- Julie Meadows will now be doing the education component of the SR2S.
- David Kenemer requested volunteers for the SR2S committee. Julie and Diane enlisted.
- GDOT administrators decided they will not be accepting proposals for engineering or infrastructure this year.
- Motion passed to send a letter to school system superintendents about SR2S opportunities.

Elm St. Elementary School

- SR2S plan written by RDC and submitted to GDOT.

Regional Bike Route Signage – Bill Moll

- The purchase of the signs continues to be delayed. Awaiting GDOT response.

Website – Dean Clemmer

- The website is up - www.bwnwga.org and Dean Clemmer will be updating.

Walking Events in Rome

- Susan, Lisa Smith (Greater Rome Convention & Visitor's Bureau - RCVB), David Kenemer, Heritage Riverways Foundation, Jessica and Diane are working on a series of walking tours and walking tour brochures. There will be walks every Saturday in October and two Saturdays in November.
- Joey Davidson – City of Rome making a map showing all of the trails in Floyd County. RCVB will design a brochure
- Requesting funds from Bike! Walk! For printing of brochures and paint for murals along the River Walk.
- Will bring flyers to September meeting.

Submitted by D. Smith

- A huge Thank You to Greater Rome Convention & Visitor's Bureau, Heritage Riverways Foundation, City of Rome and Susan Sexton-Cooley for their work on this.

2007 – 2008 Fiscal Plan – David Kenemer

- The 2007-2008 BWNWGA plan was funded by GDOT for:
 - * \$90,000 bike=ped
 - * \$35,000 SRTS
- There is some flexibility in application of money, with GDOT prior approval

Bill asked, how can Bike! Walk! NWGA help make progress in your community?/ what do you want to see done?:

- Bill – would like to see the three foot rule pass in GA as it has in TN and FL; would like to see the regional bike route signs go up; would like to get a long term lease with the Citizens for Better Parks to move forward with the Rome to Lyerly connection.
- Tim – would like to see safe biking advertisements; would like to see the three foot rule pass in GA as it has in TN and FL.
- Susan – would like to see the Regional bike route signs go up; more people out walking and biking
- Gail – would like rotating trail signs; advertisements of about walking paths
- Joe – complete the three miles of the Silver Comet; (Alabama) complete 4.5 miles of Chief Ladiga Trail
- Dean – would like to see sidewalk plans completed for communities
- Julie – would like to do Walk to School Day
- Fred – would like to see the trails in Rome linked
- David – would like to see articles in the newspapers
- Peter - would like to see the regional bike route signs up; needs money in Trenton to buy easement on a hiking trail; would like bicycle safety taught in the schools and education for law enforcement
- Jessica – would like to see follow up done with the cities who had walkability assessments done; a complete biking and walking inventory
- Diane – would like follow up done with the cities who had walkability assessments done; continue with walkability assessments in more communities; a complete biking and walking inventory and marketing of walkable and bikable community concepts to increase awareness among the general population in all ten counties.

Other news:

- Bill talked about “three foot pass rule” that passed in TN and FL. It would require passing vehicles to allow a three foot clearance. A motion was made and approved to send a letter to GDOT in support of “three foot pass rule” legislation.
- Silver Comet Labor Day Ride – register on-line at active.com

Next meeting: September 6, 2007

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