

Bike! Walk! Northwest Georgia
February 7, 2008
Minutes

Attending: Bill Moll, David Kenemer, Joe Anderson, Peter Cervelli, Sheri Henshaw, Gail Priest, Fred Wagner, Tim Jones, Diane Smith, David Howerin, Bill Steiner, LaShaun Solomon

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

Safe Routes to School (SR2S) –Julie Meadows

- The Safe routes plan will be done with Bremen; Julie has had some difficulty meeting with the relevant people
- If Bremen decides not to do a plan, the plan will be developed with Glenwood School, due to their long support of walk-to-school day
- The kids bike safety training will be taught by David Rathbone, LCI, Chairman of the Chattanooga Bicycle Task Force
 - Connections have been made with the Boys and Girls Club in Rome and Cedartown, with Cave Spring and the School for the DEaf, and Bartow
 - The course is still planned to be 2 hours long on 5 days with little snacks provided at the end and be designed for 4th/5th grade kids.
 - Sponsors are being sought

Sprinkle Spring Workshop Proposal – David Kenemer

- After some discussion, the cost will be \$50 to cover the cost of food, which GDOT will not cover, and part of the cost of the manual
- Bill M. will send out a one page flyer and registration form for the course

Walking Activities – Diane Smith, *et alia*

- Five Rome heritage Walking Tours brochures have been completed and printed. BWNWGA is one of six sponsors listed
- There will be a Sierra Club training class for hiking trip leaders on March 1 in Atlanta
- Sheri requested approval of up to \$2,000 for walking brochures for Bartow county
 - There was discussion of the "rich getting richer"
 - The request was approved, subject to Bartow mentoring other counties with limited staffs next year
- Tim listed the progress of the recently-formed Red Top Cyclists club

Regional Bike Route Signage – Bill Moll

- The signs have been sorted by county and distributed to Walker and Chattooga counties
- The first sign has been installed in Chattooga county and an article is set to appear in the Summerville News
- "Bike Buddy" was voted the name for the support infrastructure after a short discussion
- A CD with the maps and tip sheets was passed out to those in attendance

Marketing Plan – LaShaun

- David and LaShaun visited several towns on January 14 and 15.
- Events are tentatively planned at several towns, but will be of an event nature, rather than bike/walk to work/school, due to the interests of the towns

Other Business

- Gena Abraham, GDOT Commissioner, has not yet been invited to speak to our group.
- Website usage stats are to be distributed to the group monthly.

Next meeting: March 6, 2008