

**Bike!Walk! Northwest Georgia  
Meeting Minutes  
May 1, 2008**

**Attending:** David Kenemer (CVRDC), Bill Moll (Summerville Better Hometown), Dean Clemmer (CVRDC), LaShaun Solomon (CVRDC), Julie Meadows (CVRDC), Joe Anderson (Silver Comet Trail), Greg Frisbee (Gordon County), Joey Davidson (Rome-Floyd County), Gail Priest (Haralson Chamber), and Sheri Henshaw (Bartow County EMS)

**Minutes:** The minutes of the April meeting were adopted.

**Jones Elementary School Safe Routes plan - Julie Meadows**

- Results of walkability assessment
- Planning end of school year activity
- Parental input planned
- Phase II Safe Routes project for middle school

**DOT SRTS funding: - Bill Moll**

- At National Bike Summit in April, 2008, Georgia delegation of Congress signed memorandum urging Georgia DOT to release funding for Safe Routes programs.
- DOT is in final selection of infrastructure agent to design/build projects
- May have released RFP for non-infrastructure resource clearinghouse

**Bike/Walk Events: - LaShaun Solomon**

- Slide show of photos from children participating in Fort Oglethorpe Battlefield Primary School Health Fair segment on physical activity and health

**Bike Safety Class: - Bill Moll**

- Preparing a formal report on learnings
- Key considerations: Have sample activity beforehand. Age range should be limited
- Parents need help sizing bike to child- put information on website.
- All: Discussion on whether to work with Boys and Girls Clubs, recreation departments or YMCS in future. Situations may vary from club to club.

**Events**

- Paulding County Walking Lunch: LaShaun Solomon
  - May 9, 11 am -1 pm, at Paulding County Chamber of Commerce.
  - Subway, Kroger, possibly Coke to provide lunch for first 100 registrants.
  - Publicity through Q102 and South 107 at reduced rate.
- Rome-Floyd County Transportation Fair: Joey Davidson
  - May 27, 11 am- 1 pm.
  - In conjunction with Rome Transit Rider Appreciation Day.

- CVRDC will help with publicity for Q102, South 107. RDC promotional items for booth and a permanent logo tent.
- Discussion on bike racks on Rome Transit buses- contact: Cathy Sheely, Phyllis Lee.
- Polk County Silver Come Trail Memorial Day Event: Joe Anderson
  - May 26, Cedartown Depot
  - Handouts for publicity. RDC will assist with publicity through South 107/ Q102.
- Bartow County: - Sheri Henshaw
  - Etowah Valley trails brochure completed.; distributed samples.
  - Brochure lists trails, events, sponsors and partners, with map of County.
  - BWNWGA provided \$2,000 publicity grant matched with \$900 from Chamber. Also, banner, editorials and media pieces.
  - Asked to provide copies of media mentions to RDC for submittal to DOT.
- Discussion on future Bartow plans:
  - Seven Beautiful Bridges including Cartersville TE project for pedestrian bridge to link with Etowah Indian Mounds.
  - Progress on Carter Grove and Douthit Ferry locations and TE reimbursement award for Euharlee Milam Bridge.
  - Also working with Adairsville on Manning Mill Trail with Adairsville.
  - Seeing a groundswell of local grassroots and elected officials support for trails for biking and walking.

**Sprinkle Workshop recap: - Bill Moll**

- The workshop was successful with GDOT, other engineers, planners and bike advocates getting trained
- David Kenemer: Workshop brought engineers and bike advocates together in non-confrontational setting.
- Joey Davidson: "Very pleased that I was there, it was informative and productive, though I was hesitant at first to attend workshop targeted to engineers."
- Similar areas face similar concerns- Gwinnett, Bartow, Floyd, Gordon all have similar mix of urban and rural areas.

**Regional Bike Routes: - Bill Moll**

- Routes and signage are in progress.
- Haralson would like their signs put up before May Tour de Rogers- contact Commissioner Poole.
- Bartow County will add signed route to website and publicize.
- Once installed, will do 100% audit of signs.

**DOT contracts:** - David Kenemer

- A 2007-2008 budget amendment has been approved for reallocating \$12,000 for sign posts and additional marketing and promotional items
- 2008-2009 Contract Discussion:
  - List of items for 2008-2009 similar to previous 2007-2008 list but including more funds for brochures grant, more for marketing, less for signs and posts.
  - Gail Priest, "LaShaun's marketing activity enables us to keep our name in the forefront, and to have recognition for the activities we are doing, which is key to success for this group."
  - Requesting funds for David Kenemer and Bill Moll for ProBike Conference in Seattle in October 2008.
  - Safe Routes will be a separate function with same allocation from DOT plus funds to continue safety education classes. Discussed previous efforts and difficulty working with schools to prepare plan.
  - GDOT funds expected to continue since they are part of mandatory bike-ped funds.
  - Educational program for next year- whether to have a large event with national politically oriented speakers, with panel discussion of successful local government leaders, or a smaller motivational event.
  - Please submit any other projects for this next fiscal year. This year the committee has been very active in pursuing projects and advocating for bike and pedestrian needs.
  - Planned: A quarterly meeting of regional bike clubs.

**Other business:**

- Greg Frisbee asked the mission and purpose of BWNWGA, and how to engineer safe, accessible bike routes for variety of users on designated bike routes.
  - Discussion of Gordon's plan to require greenway buffers in residential development.
  - Walker County successful in similar plan, Don Oliver, County Atty., key contact there.

**Meeting adjournment**

**Next meeting:** June 5, 2008