

**Bike! Walk! Northwest Georgia
November 13, 2008
Minutes**

Attending: Bill Moll, Erica Parrish, Bill Steiner, Joe Anderson, Tim Jones, Gail Priest, David Kenemer, Dean Clemmer, Julie Meadows, George Jones, Sheri Henshaw, Keri DeFoe

Safe Routes to School – Julie Meadows

- Elm Street School (Rome) and Bremen will apply for SRTS infrastructure, with RDC assistance as needed to both. RDC staff working with Fairyland Elementary in Lookout Mtn to assist with program development and application
- Lamante Attaud showed the DVD toolkit resource which includes accessible materials for K-8th grade schools to teach pedestrian and bike safety. Distribution to each school system to begin in January 2009. Questions:
 - putting the DVD contents on the Bike!Walk! website, photo releases at bike and pedestrian events, use as a part of Georgia state curriculum (not cleared for curriculum use), updated Georgia SRTS guidebook
 - talking points for schools' use.
- Resource Center application was unsuccessful; the contract is going to URS. Review with GDOT is planned

Building Healthy Communities for Active Aging – Keri DeFoe

- The intention-to-apply form has been submitted
- This grant application will target senior citizens as role models and instructors for green living techniques to include water resources, healthy and active communities, Clean Cities Coalition, Safe Routes, etc.
- Sheri, David, Dean, Keri and Bartow Co. Grants staff will meet to discuss the application and submitting through grants.gov. Deadline is Nov. 21.

Events

- The walking events for LaFayette and Trenton will be delayed until the spring
- Bill and David will arrange to meet with Diane Smith's replacement to coordinate BWNWGA activities with the Northwest Georgia Public Health walking initiatives

BWNWGA website

- The website is not current

Regional Bicycle Routes – Bill Moll

- Signs are being installed in Gordon, Bartow, Polk, Paulding, Floyd, Walker, Chattooga and Haralson counties
- The map updates are still not ready for the website

Spring Workshop – Bill Moll

- The program with DCA on complete Streets is under negotiation
- As an alternative or in addition, there may be a series of talks in the ten counties by entertaining and inspirational walking/biking speakers

Speaker for Future meetings

- Proposing to hire West Georgia college student as intern to develop small-scale study of economic impact of Silver Comet Trail to include surveys of users, etc Spring 2009.

Election of Officers

- Nominations called for, no volunteers for vice chairman position. Need to restructure, possibly by county, to prevent overload on chairman, and prepare for turnover in next year.
- Changes in Bylaws must be proposed in advance

Meeting was adjourned

Next meeting: January 6, 2009