

Bike! Walk! Northwest Georgia
February 12, 2009
Minutes

Attending: Bill Moll, Joe Anderson, Tim Jones, Gail Priest, David Kenemer, Dean Clemmer, Julie Meadows, Frank Bibb, Charlie Jones, Larry Madden

Trails Update - latest developments along the Pinhoti Trail and beyond..... Larry Madden

- The 200+ acres conservation purchase last fall connects the Lyerly Rail Trail with the Pinhoti Trail head on GA 100. this will eliminate about a 1 ½ mile road walk.
- Plans are underway to improve the Lyerly Rail Trail from the Simms Mountain Trail to Lyerly

Events

- The walking events for LaFayette and Trenton were deferred, since no representatives were present
- Joe Anderson passed around a prototype of the Silver Comet Loop map. Minor suggestions were made and Joe will proceed with production
- Sheri Henshaw reviewed the status of the new Bartow brochure with a larger credit to BWNWGA. No specific dollar request was made (\$2,000 was allocated last year)

BWNWGA website

- The website minutes have been updated but the web service has not made the ride updates.

Regional Bicycle Routes

- Sign installation has been largely completed in Gordon, Bartow,, Paulding, Floyd and Haralson counties, Rockmart, Cedartown, Summerville, Aragon and Cartersville. Sign installation has begun in Polk, Walker and Chattooga counties and Rome.
- The map has been updated with color-coded routes.
- The map updates are still not ready for the website

Complete Streets Workshop

- The program with DCA on complete Streets is agreed.
- Towns for the four Ronkin review sessions on Monday and Tuesday were discussed. Possibilities are: Calhoun, Adairsville, Tallapoosa, Rockmart. A town in Catoosa or Walker counties was also an option

Speakers For the Counties

- Possible speakers on cycling and walking are Tha Wookie (Nate Olive), Willie Weir, Betsy Schwartz, Metal Cowboy (Joe Kurmaskie), Lynette Chiang, Walkin' Jim Stulz and Tom Johnson
- Estimated cost are under \$10,000 (many of the speakers are on the west coast, so it is a three day trip)

Contract Status for Fiscal 2008-2009 – David Kenemer

- There will be a budget amendment sent to GDOT to transfer money within Transportation contracts to match current implementation plans

Meeting was adjourned

Next meeting: March 5, 2009