

Bike Walk NW GA meeting

August 9, 2012

Introductions: Johnny Sprayberry, Junior Davis, Danny Ashley (all from GRITS), David Kenemer, Julie Smith, Jason Winters, David Ford, Richard Lindsay, Shane and Chase Holden, Tonya Brown, David Howerin, Jim Hunter, Catherine Edgemon, Ron Underwood, John Johnston, Mike Reeber, Alicia Hatcher

BWNWGA FB page: Please "like and friend" us on FB so we can promote region-wide cycling and walking events.

Bike/Ped Plan Update: GDOT contract, cost/benefits analysis and goals for attendance but all metrics. Upcoming study of the Silver Comet Trail and how it impacts the local area

Walking Lunches: Asked SCT/GRITS members if they are interested in partnering with BWNWGA and also asked Chattooga Co.. John Johnston from Cave Spring mentioned that the .5 mile walking trail open in CS and interested in putting on a walking breakfast/lunch or dinner. Lafayette walking breakfast on Saturday, Oct. 6 at 9:30am at cemetery. Ron mentioned putting personalized tote bags for each event. David Ford wants to have one in Summerville highlighting a Street Scape and other events. David suggested coming to the next meeting to ask for funding for the walking lunch.

Spring Workshop: Update of June workshop given and now trying to formulate what we want to do in the spring of 2013. John mentioned a holistic event focusing on either special population or a hands on event for nutrition, exercise, etc...directing the family on how to spend less money and increase health/exercise.

Silver Comet Trail Event: Maybe partner with GRITS on SCT, a walking event?

SRTS: Alicia said that she is reaching to her contacts for goals, working on student travel tallies to see how many people are walking to school. Wed. Oct 3 is International Walk to School Day. Rome, Dalton, and Lyerly have participated in the past. David said if she needed promo items BW could help out. Jason said that in Lyerly the kid's reflective vests are very impressive to kids, parents, and schools.

David said that we are offering Crossing Guard Training with Carole Willis from Atlanta Public Schools. IF anyone is interested let us know. David mentioned the "walking school bus" or "bike train" concept. BWNWGA will order vests for kids this year.

We would like to invite Willie Weir back to NW Georgia for the spring to speak to different schools. David wants Nate Olive to come back too as he is the first person to have walked from CN to MX along the east coast.

The next meeting will be September 13 location TBD and the October meeting will be on the 11th.

Other business: Catherine asked about maybe ordering bike racks for county usage in parks and in

Lafayette. Julie told her to talk to Sammy Rich about the cost/procedure because Rome recently ordered some for the Heritage Trail System. David said that if Catherine gets the information then we would promote the same option to other counties in the region.

Meeting adjourned.