

BWNWGA Meeting

September 13, 2012

Sam King Room, Rome City Auditorium

Introductions: Maia Santamaria of disABILITY Link, NW, Lisa Greeby of Department of Public Health, Shane and Chase Holden of NWGRC, Judy and Junior Davis of Silver Comet Trail, William James of Summit Quest, Larry Madden of the Georgia Pinhoti and Citizens for Better Parks, John Johnston of Cave Spring, David Kenemer of NWGRC, Sherin Gottlieb, citizen of Lafayette, Jan Shattuck, interim Hometown Development in Lafayette, Jim Hunter, Julie Smith of BWNWGA, and Janet Cochran, Regional Tourism for Georgia, and Alicia Hatcher of Safe Routes to Schools.

David told the group that Tamaya Huff, new GDOT bike/ped coordinator was expected to attend the meeting but she was caught in traffic so he would skip around on the agenda until she arrived.

Julie reported on the recent Community Table night at the Rome Braves game and said that she gave out 30 or so brochures to those interested in BWNWGA. She and David also told the group about the Lunch and Learn that they did at the Bud plant in Cartersville and how they talked to 16 people interested in BWNWGA. Jim asked if possibly Budweiser corporate or the plant could be an advocate for cycling since the plant already supports riders on property daily and the Beautiful Backroads Century Ride scheduled for September 15.

Walking Breakfast or Lunches were discussed, specifically the Rome one to be held on Wednesday, October 4 from 7-10am at Ridge Ferry park to coincide with the last Farmers Market. Other cities were mentioned in which to do a walking breakfast or lunch, Lafayette, in conjunction with the downtown cemetery and Cave Spring to highlight the new Rolater Park trail.

Tamaya arrived and introduced herself and gave biographical information.

Junior Davis talked about the Silver Comet Trail ride fundraiser that is always on Labor Day and John mentioned the possibility of having a ribbon cutting for the new trail in Cave Spring and BWNWGA being involved somehow.

Alicia discussed SRTS and how she and Julie were going after the meeting to ask Elm Street School to be a partner with SRTS. Willie Weir's spring visit was talked about and David mentioned wanting to invite Nate Olive back to talk about his App trail experiences. Crossing Guard training was mentioned and anyone who might use the training was invited to participate. Lisa Greeby asked if it was for children as well.

David mentioned the Silver Comet Trail study that will be forthcoming and how volunteers from GRITS or those from Berry or KSU would be helpful in doing trail counts. He touted the following reasons for wanting to do the study: Economic impact, habits of users, demographic information.

The next BWNWGA will be on Thursday, October 11 but location TBD, either in the City Auditorium, library, or newly revamped conference room at the RC.

Meeting adjourned.

