

BWNWGA Bicyclist/Pedestrian Task Force Meeting
Thursday, May 9, 2013

Introductions: Chase Holden, Shane Holden, Larry Madden, William James, Gena Agnew, David Kenemer, Erin Hernandez, Lisa Greeby, Julie Smith, Tonya Brown, Jim Hunter, Lovie Davis, Alicia Hatcher

Willie Weir: Julie reported on the happenings the week that Willie Weir was in town, April 22-26. Over the week he spoke to roughly 2,000 students in Calhoun and Rome. The group brainstormed ways for Willie to reach adults and other audiences when he is in Rome in 2014. Jim Hunter mentioned a possibly fundraiser for TRED Rome/Floyd? Possibly even a book signing event.

Bike Route Signs: Tonya reported that Murray County signs are up and she will work on Gilmer County's next.

LCI classes: Julie explained what an LCI class is but that we have had no response for the one offered on Saturday, May 18. Brent Buice and Byron Rushing were to co-teach the class but due to no response it will have to be postponed until the summer. Julie is looking into getting her LC instruction to lead classes more often that will hopefully instill a better audience.

Walking Breakfast: The Rome walking breakfast will be Wednesday, June 5 from 7-10am at Ridge Ferry Park. This is in conjunction with the opening of of RFPRA Farmers market. There are 200 tote bags from last fall's walking breakfast that will be given away. BWNWGA is partnering with the city of Rome, Heritage Trails Foundation, and Keep Rome Floyd Beautiful.

Bikes Belong Grant: Julie and Jim explained that TRED was applying for a Community Partner Grant from Bike belong that ranges from \$2000-10000. The city and Cycle Therapy has agreed to be a partner. David asked the task force if it approved if BWNWGA was a partner as well. In that role, BWNWGA would provide education about trails, the use of bikes and walking as modes of transportation, and the benefits of trail systems. The motion was unanimously approved.

GDOT Contract: David opened up the floor for requests for money. William James of Summit Quest requested money for water bottles and jerseys for his cycling club kids, TRED requested money for various activities, and Larry Madden requested money for a Pinhoti Trail educational brochure. All were approved with various caveats put in place by David.

Silver Comet Trail stakeholders meeting: This will be May 29 at the Paulding Co Chamber of Commerce in Dallas. This will be a rough draft to the plan put forth by ALTA.

Other: There was general discussion about how to enhance BWNWGA meetings and to pull more people from other communities in. Jim and Lisa to form a committee to study this. David reiterated that BWNWGA doesn't need to remain Rome-centric.

Next meeting is Tuesday, June 14.

Meeting Adjourned

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