

**Northwest Georgia Regional Commission
BWNWGA Meeting
Thursday, June 12, 2014
Dalton RC Office**

Attendees: Sue and Ron Underwood, Walker Co Historical Soc, Connie Forester, WCHS, Don Holley, Gordon Co Parks and Rec, Jason Shattuck, Dalton Parks and Rec, Julie Smith, BWNWGA, Charlie Jones, BWNWGA, Larry Madden, Pinhoti trail, Missy Phillips, Keep Bartow Beautiful, Dan Wright, Ringgold, Stephen Middlebooks, Ringgold Parks and Rec.

Call in: Kevin Howard, Rome-Floyd Planning, John Johnston, Cave Spring

Welcome-Charlie Jones

- Great diversity at today's meeting, thanks to Dalton RC for hosting
- Julie gave a quick recap of the April Georgia Trail Summit, Missy and Don also attended
- SCT count reports-Charlie is going to compare to last year, Larry asked if surveys were completed and they were not this year.
- Kevin reported on the three fix it stations that were dedication in Rome last week and mentioned that June 24 will be the public bike/ped/trail kick off meeting to discuss trail and bike amenities, improvements, etc. 3pm at the Rome Civic Center.
- Charlie discussed the 2014/15 fy GDOT workscope, some items under bike/ped: trail feasibility study from Cave Spring to Cedartown, counting equipment, and a brochure of a regional walking trail (to be discussed further with John Johnston).
- Julie discussed the walking breakfast that was to be June 25 but has now moved to October 1 in Rome.

New Business-John J asked the group if they knew of anyone who were opposed to the Silver Comet Trail and now embraces the trail to contact him as citizens in CS are putting together a promotional video touting the trail with interviews.

Other Business-Don Holley updated the group on Gordon County's push to get trails. Currently the city/county is working to fund a comprehensive trail plan, similar to the Carrollton Greenbelt and to connect to surrounding counties.

Connie promoted the Lafayette Civil War walk on June 21, see the Chattooga Academy Facebook page for details.

Larry mentioned his desire for a west GA trail to connect communities along the GA/AL line.

Next Meeting will be Thursday, July 17 at 9am in Rome (NOTE, NOT THE 10th as previously announced)