

BTF Meeting Minutes August 12, 2004

1 1 Attendance

Melissa Dickinson, Marty Brown, Daisy Blanton, Philip Pugliese, Lisa Watjen, Annie Powell, Ben Taylor, Michael Edge, Sam Evans, RC Hoff, Del Sudkamp, Colleen Carboni.

2 2 Outdoor Chattanooga Update

See document: <http://www.outdoorchattanooga.com/>

Lisa Watjen reported on recent activities with Outdoor Chattanooga. Efforts are being made to create an online newsletter by September to keep everyone informed as things move forward. The search for an Executive Director should be completed by next month. They are also working on media information procedures to better coordinate and promote outdoor activities. Look for updates to the website as well.

3 3 Singetrack Mind

See document: <http://www.sorbachattanooga.org/>

SORBA Chattanooga is continuing their efforts to create 100 miles of singletrack within 10 miles of Chattanooga. For more information visit www.sorbachattanooga.org or contact Greg Laudeman at advocacy@sorbachattanooga.org.

4 4 Bike2Work Update

Our most recent Bike2Work event was on Friday, August 6th. We had about 25-30 participants and many great prizes were handed out to our commuters. In addition to Greyfriars coffee and bagels, our newest sponsor, Smoothie King, offered additional refreshments. Our next event is Friday, September 3rd. Please keep your input coming with regard to road conditions, traffic or parking issues.

5 5 BikeEd Update

Our first Road I class was taught last month to a private class of Martians-on-Wheels members. Instructors Cheryl Shouse, Colleen Carboni, Del Sudkamp and Jenny Berni led the two day, 9 hour session. Cheryl Shouse has successfully put our Road I - Bike Driving course on Chattanooga State's Continuing Education calendar. This 9 hour course will

be held on two consecutive Saturday mornings in October. We will have more information soon to promote this class. Del Sudkamp, David Rathbone and Philip Pugliese are scheduled to teach.

6 6 Bicycle Solidarity Day

See document: <http://www.worldcarfree.net/wcfd/>

We would like to hold a special event next month to serve as Bicycle Solidarity Day. While it does not appear that there is an official proclamation for Tennessee this year, we still want to do something to garner attention. As World Car Free day is scheduled for Wednesday, September 22nd, it was suggested that we do something on this day or the following Friday/Saturday. However, this is also the week of the Bicycle Ride Across Tennessee (see <http://www.state.tn.us/environment/parks/BRAT/>), major religious holidays, Wine over Water on the Walnut bridge and the Susan Komen Run. Therefore, it is suggested that we use our final Bike2Work event on Friday, October 1, as our Solidarity Day. At this event, we will be giving out our remaining Bike2Work prizes, and would like to present our first annual Bike2Work Corporate Award (name?) to Mars Interactive and the Martians-on-Wheels for their distinguished efforts in promoting bicycling for recreation, health and transportation.

This will also give us an opportunity to promote and celebrate the influx of riders for the CBC's Sequatchie Valley Century to be held Saturday, October 2nd. Possibly a lunchtime event at Miller Plaza and an evening bicycle ride/event at the final installment of Nightfall. Suggestions and comments are welcomed.

7 7 Other Items

Walnut Street Bridge construction -- Ben Taylor is checking on having a small section paved through the gravel at the south end of the bridge at First Street during construction of the new pedestrian bridge.

Dupont Parkway bicycle restriction -- it was brought to our attention that Dupont Parkway/C.B. Robinson Bridge has been posted to restrict cyclists. Obviously this is an important access route. We are investigating with TDOT to have this reversed ASAP.

Eco Taxi -- Sam Evans joined our meeting. As you may have seen, he is operating a bicycle taxi service in the Downtown/North Shore area. Encourage your friends and coworkers to take advantage of this alternative form of transportation. Why drive when you can ride? Ride is free -- tips welcomed.

**Chattanooga Hamilton County North Georgia
2030 Long Range Transportation Plan**

A Bicycling & Pedestrian Communities Meeting will be held Tuesday, August 24, 10:30 - 12:00, in Room 2A of the Development Resource Center.

For more information, please click [here](#).

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