

BTF Meeting Minutes January 10, 2006

1 Attendance

Cheryl Shouse, Ben Taylor, Daisy Blanton, Hugh Worthy, Del Sudkamp, Marty Brown, Colleen Carboni, Melissa Taylor, Philip Pugliese, RC Hoff, Art Thompson, Jim Ledbetter, Ruthie Cartledge

2 Officer Elections

Colleen Carboni was nominated and elected to serve as Chairperson.

Del Sudkamp was nominated and elected to serve as Vice Chairperson.

Philip Pugliese, as Bicycle Coordinator, will serve as Secretary.

Nominations are still being taken for Program Committee Chair, which would coordinate Bike2Work 2006. David Rathbone was suggested as a possible candidate but he was not in attendance.

Art Thompson is available for weekend type programs, perhaps as Bicycle Ambassador leader.

3 Tour de Georgia Planning & Support

BTF should host a booth at the Tour de Georgia finish.

It was also proposed that if possible we host a valet bicycle parking area. Outdoor Chattanooga is storing the track club's bicycle racks and fencing which could be available for use.

CBC could host tour rides prior to or after the event.

BTF should purchase appropriate trade show display material. Melissa will source and advise pricing.

Interactive displays are needed: Educational material, what else?

Lee Gates from Suck Creek and David Rathbone were mentioned as potential candidates to manage this parking event.

If successful, this valet parking lot could be repeated at Riverbend offering guests the opportunity to ride the Riverwalk to the festival.

4 National Bike Summit

See the [League of American Bicyclists](#) for a complete description of the National Bike Summit, March 1-3, 2006.

BTF would like to send additional representatives to the summit which will be focusing on bicycle friendly communities this year.

Conference cost is \$350 prior to 2/03, \$450 after.

Philip Pugliese is tentatively planning on attending and has reserved an additional hotel room at the Hilton Garden Inn for 2/28 - 3/4. Cost is \$199 per night. Airfare ranges from about \$170 - \$250 for advance tickets.

5 Chattanooga Bicycle Map

Karen Rhodes, Transportation Planning Coordinator, has advised that funds may be available to produce a bicycle level of service map for our TPO area, which includes Hamilton County and portions of Catoosa, Walker and Dade Counties in Georgia.

As a complete inventory of streets was done as part of the Bicycle Facilities Master Plan, the majority of work has already been done. Cartography will probably be outsourced through UTC and printing done locally with an expected first run of 3000 copies.

Philip is working with Karen on this and will advise a timetable and opportunities for review.

It was proposed to add popular recreational ride routes (such as the Red Bank Ride and North Georgia loops) to the map.

6 Education

Del Sudkamp and Colleen Carboni will be teaching Road I in Chattanooga on January 21-22 at the Development Resource Center. This class is an excellent forum for learning the proper methods of vehicular cycling. The class is almost full with 10 students registered. See <http://www.bikechattanooga.org> for more information and to register.

7 Riverwalk Update

Per a phone conversation on Monday, January 9, between Philip Pugliese and Ron Priddy, Director of Hamilton County Parks & Recreation, all LIGHTED sections of the Riverwalk are open after dark for pedestrian, bicycle and skate traffic. Officers are not supposed to be closing the actual pathway gates and should not be stopping anyone that is in a LIGHTED area. Adjacent parking areas may be gated and closed however, and we are looking at parking options. A reminder however, that the Riverwalk is a RECREATIONAL facility and not a speed training course. High-speed cyclists that endanger pedestrian traffic will not be tolerated and should use roadway facilities.

Please keep Philip advised if you should experience any difficulties with this policy.

It was suggested that an alternative Bicycle Route be proposed to bypass the Fry Center area as this is the most congested section with pedestrians. Signs could be posted: Congested Area Ahead, Alternate Route for Bicyclists. Route could divert through park road and reconnect on opposite side. Philip will speak with Ron Priddy concerning this.

8 Other Items

Downtown Bike Racks

We have selected additional bicycle racks sites in downtown but Traffic Engineering does not have budgeted funds to pour concrete to place them. If anyone has construction contacts that might be able to assist, please let us know.

Chattanooga Bicycle Club Party

The CBC Annual Christmas Party is Saturday, January 21st at the Finley Stadium Club. Social begins at 6:00 with dinner at 7:00. Free for CBC members! RSVP to Daisy Blanton at 820-1157.

Grant Opportunities

We should hear by end of the month regarding a Bikes Belong grant application of \$10,000 for Raccoon Mountain trail construction. Approximately 2 miles of Raccoon Mountain trails are now open from the East Overlook to the Switchyard.

Chattanooga may be eligible for CMAQ funding to improve air quality.

Recreation Trail Program applications are due by March 1st. Potential projects include a greenway access point to the Brainerd Levy from the Brainerd Recreation Center on Moore Road.

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