

BTF Meeting Minutes November 10, 2005

1 Attendance

Cheryl Shouse, Ben Taylor, Daisy Blanton, Hugh Worthy, Del Sudkamp, David Rathbone, Marty Brown, Colleen Carboni, Melissa Taylor, Philip Pugliese, RC Hoff

2 Proposed Changes to our bylaws

Establish the Bicycle Coordinator as permanent Secretary to the Bicycle Task Force. This was approved unanimously.

Move the scheduled monthly meeting to the second Tuesday of the month (New time of 12:30 PM). This was approved unanimously.

3 Officer Election

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

4 Education

Cheryl Shouse shared her class outline and slideshow for her Health Department employee bicycle loaner program. She has encouraged many of the employees there to participate in regular bicycling activities along the Riverwalk.

Colleen Carboni and David Rathbone will be teaching a full class of 12 Road I students in Knoxville on the 12th.

5 Road Projects Review

Ben Taylor is working to complete our Phase I road projects.

Projects that need to be completed include:

Chestnut Street from MLK to 2nd Street. This is been striped and is ready to be marked with a complete bike lane (except around the back of the Tivoli where it will be a brief "Share the Road" going north.

Riverfront Parkway from the just past the Olgiati Bridge to W 20th Street and Chestnut. There is room to restripe and include a bicycle lane which will connect to the current North-South corridor.

East-West Corridor: After discussion, it was recommended that our primary east-west route be installed along E 11th Street.

A Field Trip is planned to ride and review specific problem areas such as proper route and signage needed from Riverfront Parkway and at Bluff View. Watch for day/time details.

6 Other news

Coosa Valley Task Force

The Coosa Valley Regional Development Center, located in Rome, Georgia, has just formed a regional bicycle and pedestrian task force. The CVRDC manages a 10 county area that includes Bartow, Catoosa, Chattooga, Dade, Floyd, Gordon, Haralson, Paulding, Polk and Walker counties.

Nashville News

Philip Pugliese, Kelley Segars/Knoxville TPO Coordinator and Steven Sondheim, advocate from Memphis, met with David Utley our TDOT Bicycle/Pedestrian Coordinator and Jeanne Stevens of TDOT to discuss limited access highway restrictions and other issues on Monday, November 7.

TDOT recommended that we work with their consultant, Alta Planning, to secure additional guidance on this issue to present to their engineers.

In preparation for TDOT's upcoming Safe Routes to Schools Program, a new, statewide organization of bicycle/pedestrian advocates has been formed as the Tennessee Bicycle Pedestrian Coalition. A Yahoo Group has been formed as TNBikePed if you would like join our listserv.

WalMart Training

David Rathbone suggested that we offer basic bicycle and helmet fit training to WalMart stores in our area prior to the holiday shopping season. We have a meeting scheduled for the Hixson store and will advise the results.

Upcoming Events

Road Projects Field Trip -- Date to be determined.

CBC Urban Bicycle rides are now on Thursdays and provide an excellent opportunity to explore our bicycle facilities. See www.chattbike.com.

Next BTF Meeting will be TUESDAY, December 13, at 12:30 PM.

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