

Minutes of the March 12, 2009 meeting of the WMPO BikePed Committee

Members Present:

Travis Barnes
Beverly Foscolo
Chris O'Keefe, Chairman
Anthony Prinz, Acting Secretary
Tom Rivers, Vice Chair
Katie Ryan
Nolan Smith

Non-members Present:

Cathi Pastore
Al Schroetel
Andrea Talley

Members Absent:

Dave Staebler
Todd Brohaugh
Brian Ennis
Michael Kirkbride
Paul Martinez
Joshuah Mello
Neil Brooks

O'Keefe called the meeting to order at approximately 5:15. O'Keefe asked if everyone had a chance to review last month's

meeting minutes. The minutes were approved unanimously.

1) Update on the River to Sea Ride: O'Keefe mentioned that a subcommittee has been working on the River to Sea Ride,

which is scheduled for May 2, 2009. The ride will begin at Bailey's Park on Front Street between Princess Street and Chestnut

Street and will follow the typical route from downtown to Wrightsville Beach and back. Flyers and postcards have been

developed and are ready for distribution. The subcommittee is still looking for potential sponsors and is mainly interested

in monetary or gift card donations of \$50 or more. The next subcommittee meeting will be held on Tuesday, April 14, 2009 at

7:15 AM at the Causeway Café on Wrightsville Beach.

2) Potential Grant for the River to Sea Ride: The sponsor for this item was not in attendance. The committee moved to

table this item until next month.

3) Discuss Intersection of Oleander Drive and Pine Grove Drive: O'Keefe mentioned that a number of citizens have

complained about the Oleander Drive/Pine Grove Drive intersection regarding bike and pedestrian safety and access to McRae

Park. The committee agreed that this is an intersection that is hazardous for bicyclists and pedestrians and should be added

to the Universe of Bicycle Projects map for consideration by the Citizens Advisory Committee for inclusion in the long range

transportation plan update.

4) Discuss County Bicycling Resolution: Al Schrotel passed out a sample resolution and stated that the New Hanover

County Commissioners would be considering this resolution at their next meeting. Committee members agreed that the resolution

was appropriate and that they should recommend that it be placed on the next possible Wilmington City Council agenda for

consideration.

5) Discuss All-way Stops on North Front Street: Foscolo brought up the issue of the four-way stops on North Front Street

for discussion. There was some concern from the committee regarding traffic operations and pedestrian safety. Prinz stated

that city staff was still in the process of evaluating the four-way stops and that the decision would be made in the near

future. The primary concern of staff was the \$500,000 estimate for replacing the existing signals with decorative mast

arm-mounted signals. The committee took no action, but decided to visit the intersections after the meeting. Prinz stated

that staff would bring the 90% construction designs for the intersections to the committee for additional discussion once

they have been prepared.

6) Other Business: Talley mentioned that city staff has been working diligently on the Cross-City Trail and that

Wilmington is scheduled to receive \$2 million in stimulus funds to construct Phase 2 of the trail. Kimley Horn will be

completing the design work. Talley also mentioned that staff has been working on a web page for the Cross-City Trail, which

should be up-and-running within the next couple of months. She also recommended that the committee adopt a resolution of

support for the Cross-City Trail. The committee requested that staff add this item to the April meeting agenda.

With no other business the meeting was adjourned at 6:00PM.