

## 2011\_03\_10\_ WMPO BikePed Committee Minutes

A meeting of the WMPO BikePed Committee was held on Thursday, March 10, 2011 at 4:15 pm. The meeting was held in the Planning Conference Room on Floor 4 of 305 Chestnut Street.

The meeting was led by Suraiya Rashid. Those in attendance included Jonnie Sharp, Brian Ennis, Mike Kirkbride, Bethyl Paris, Neil Brooks, Amy Beatty, Andy Fairbanks, Tom Rivers, Karyn Crichton, Todd Broughough, Al Schroetel (Cape Fear Cyclists), and Tamlyn Shields (Obesity Prevention Initiative).

The following is the agenda for the meeting:

- 1) Approval of minutes from February meeting

Because the committee did not have a quorum of voting members, this item had to be postponed to the April meeting.

- 2) Old Business

- a. ECGA materials used for Designation of segments of East Coast Greenway.

Bill McDow was going to take the lead on discussion of this item. However, Bill could not be present for this meeting. Therefore, Bethyl Paris discussed the process for designating new segments of the East Coast Greenway. This is an online process and McDow & Paris are going to meet this month to look at different potential segments and hope to bring findings to the April meeting of the East Coast Greenway which occurs the last Saturday of April.

- 3) New Business

- a. Discussion of Middle Sound Loop Rd Bike Route Planning

This item is also postponed to the April meeting because Chris O'Keefe was designated to speak about it and he was not present for the March meeting.

- b. Discussion of general donation process for items given to CCT and City of Wilmington

Amy Beatty stated that she is working with Nina Johnston (also of the Wilmington Parks Department) who heads the maintenance of the Gary Shell Cross-City Trail(CCT). Beatty and Johnston are drafting a policy for donating items for the CCT. Beatty stated that she should have a draft ready for review for the April Bike/Ped meeting.

- c. Discussion of video of Ann Street and 3<sup>rd</sup> Street Pedestrian Crossing

Suraiya Rashid stated that the City of Wilmington created a public service announcement video educating the public (both motorists and pedestrians) about how to use the rapid flash beacon pedestrian/bicycle crossing at Ann Street & South 3<sup>rd</sup> Street. Rashid also stated that she is working on a brochure educating pedestrians and motorists about how to use the crossing. There was some discussion among the committee about the success of this treatment. Most members

of the committee were in agreement that people were not yet used to using this device (it is the first RRFB in North Carolina); and there would be a learning curve for pedestrians, bicyclists and motorists alike. However, several of the people present had used the device and were very happy with it.

4) Updates

a. Update from Steering Committee on 22<sup>nd</sup> Annual River to Sea Bike Ride

Jonnie Sharp spoke about the progress of the steering committee, they are well ahead of schedule compared to previous years. The committee met March 8<sup>th</sup> and discussed getting T-shirts and sponsors for the event. They also finalized the location for the start of the bike ride at Bailey's Park. Sharp mentioned that Adrienne Walters is working on getting flyers and distributing them to the various bike shops to advertise the date & time of the ride. Paris suggested the committee also make posters and post them at visible locations. Sharp mentioned that the committee discussed getting a van to have a shuttle option for those that only want to ride one-way on the trail. The committee is also looking at closing the bridge to Wrightsville beach to facilitate bicycle safety for the event. Mike Kirkbride stated that direction and organization by the beach was particularly important because by this place the group starts to splinter. Paris mentioned that Cape Fear Cyclists will be in jerseys aiding the ride back for the participants. Sharp stated that the steering committee is going to be looking for volunteers to help facilitate the event, that the information will all go on the event's webpage, and that the committee was brainstorming community calendars and locations to advertise the event.

b. Update on the inaugural Cross City Trail bike ride for fall 2011

O'Keefe was designated to lead the discussion on this item, however he was absent for this meeting. The Bike Ped committee discussed events on the CCT. Andy Fairbanks brought up that the Good Shepherd church had already organized a community bike ride along the trail and asked the Wilmington Police Department to facilitate safe passage across Shipyard Boulevard (where there is currently a missing piece of the trail). Beatty mentioned that it was exciting that the community was already organizing events along the CCT; but that this meant a permitting process needed to be organized as soon as possible to facilitate and manage community events on the trail. Beatty stated she would try to bring a draft to the next committee meeting.

c. Map Quotes

Although not present at this meeting, Adrienne Walters sent quotes she had received from local printing companies for both a Cross-City Trail Map and a Wilmington Area Bike Map. Sharp discussed the potential for corporate sponsorship of these maps from either PPD or CVS or another company.

5) Announcements

- a. Pender County is putting together a Bike & Pedestrian plan with a meeting on April 25<sup>th</sup> at 3:30PM in the Burgaw Council Chambers

The meeting was adjourned after announcements.