

BPAB meeting
Thursday, September 20th, 2012—6PM
Conway Police Department

Members present: Erik Leamon, Peter Mehl, Jim Bruce, Curt Amenta, David Barber, Greg Reddin, Duston Morris, Michael Yoder, Lynn Schaefer

Members absent: Jennifer Boyett, Jim Holland

Ex officio: Wes Craiglow

Guest: Aaron Knight (website developer)

1. August minutes approved with corrections.

Old Business

2. SRTS committee/grant: David reported that there are about 10 people willing to serve on the committee, including a teacher from Marguerite Vann. He said that the teachers have some ideas for projects; **he will send Wes details about expenses for the projects and Wes will contact the SRTS representative at AHTD to make sure they are reimbursable.**

Web page: No progress has been made so far on the web page. It was decided that a website meeting would be held on Thursday, October 4 at Something Brewing to discuss the web page contents. (A Walk Friendly committee meeting had been planned for that evening; it will be postponed.) Peter suggested organizing the web page based on the 5 Es.

Walk to School Day: Walk to School Day is Oct. 3. Peter suggested getting a press release about it in the Log Cabin Democrat as well as trying to get the school to include something about it in their newsletters.

Having a meeting about SRTS with Dr. Greg Murry, Conway school superintendent, was discussed. Wes said that when he had met with Dr. Murry about SRTS in the past, Dr. Murry seemed very interested, but information didn't flow downward to teachers. It was suggested that we try to get on the school principals' monthly luncheon agenda and perhaps give each principal a bike repair kit. Curt said he believes it is best to address SRTS during P.E., as there is more flexibility in that curriculum. **Curt will get contact information for all the P.E. teachers.**

Ecofest: At Ecofest, David collected names and emails of people interested in SRTS and gave them CAB brochures.

3. Walk Friendly Community Committee: Michael has found some helpful documents about how to come up with a master plan. He has sent the URLs to people who were at the last Walk Friendly meeting.
4. Bike Friendly Community Committee: A meeting was set for October 3 at 6:30. Wes will get it on the calendar at City Hall. All who are interested in being on the committee should attend. Jim Bruce and Duston Morris expressed interest.
5. MTB group update: Erik said that a meeting was held recently for people interested in the mountain bike group. They hope to be up and running as a club in about a month. On their agenda will be the Blaney Hill project. Wes mentioned that Bentonville has a nice mountain biking park; that city partnered with Walmart and other private entities to develop it.
6. Bike repair stations: Peter reported on a meeting with Jeff Carter, the Eagle Scout who is doing the project to install bike repair stations. Jeff will install his station at the Salem trailhead. The other one, sponsored by CAB, will be placed at Simon Park, and others will be placed at Gatlin Park and Pompey Park in the future.
7. Gas severance funds: Peter said that these funds are being directed towards streets and should benefit BPAB as well since Conway has a complete streets plan. Wes said he thought that the gas severance money went into the general fund.
8. Bike/Walk/Transport Summit: The purpose of the summit was discussed; Erik's view is that the summit would get a diverse group of people, including CAB, MTB group, teachers, health professionals, etc., in one place to find out what is going on in the community and how they can be involved. The funding set aside for the summit has to be spent before May. David has someone in mind to organize the summit. Erik will talk to David about his idea and put it at the top of the agenda next month.
9. State advocacy group: Peter reported that the group's official name is Bicycle Coalition of Arkansas. It will have a website soon, and each of the five groups involved has committed some funding. Alan Ley with Bike Bentonville will probably be the president, and the president of CAB (currently Jennifer Boyett) will be Conway's official representative to the group. The group's goal is to draw up a master plan for the state.
10. BPAB Document storage for future member access: Peter said there is a Dropbox account where agendas, minutes, communications, grant documents, maps, applications, and any other documents can be stored. Wes said that he keeps copies of everything that BPAB does.

New Business

11. Big Dam Bridge 100: Fred Phillips, director of BDB 100, has suggested removing the portion of the route through Conway in the future due to the City of Conway's lack of support. Curt said he had heard the sticking point was the fact that CPD charged a hefty fee for officers' extra work during the race. Peter commented that the Big Dam Bridge 100 doesn't even come into Conway proper, as it did in the past. Greg suggested inviting Phillips to a BPAB meeting so that we can discuss the possibility of having the route actually come into Conway and also how to increase city support.
12. Other items: Peter reported that Tom Courtway has agreed to put together a group to talk about the Papa John's Pizza corner (Bruce Street and Donaghey Avenue).
13. Next meeting: October 18th