

MINUTES BANNER ELK BPAC 1/06/2011

The meeting was called to order by the Chairman Ted Silver. Present at the meeting where: Council Member Robert Tufts; Craig MacPhail, Athletic Director for Lees-McRae College, and Gene Ormand.

The Chairman reported: 1. The town has provided a draft summary of its case study to the State in compliance with the requirements of the grant. 2. The committee will be contacting the State Coordinator of the Safe Route to School Program to continue pursuing programs for the new school and will also be contacting Principle Townsend. 3. Questioned whether there could be any use made around the new school for the unique new pedestrian crossing light NCDOT installed in Boone on Hwy 105 near the student apartments (the old motel).

Craig MacPhail informed the committee of the current renovations to the cycling room and mentioned the cycling minor that the College is starting. He also opened a discussion of expanding and incorporating the Town's greenway and pedestrian plans with the college's interests in providing training routes for its athletic programs and its students. Discussion ensued with participation by all those present on various routes, their problems, and possible solutions. The Committee determined to work on some plan to accomplish these goals. To that end members Robert Tufts, Craig MacPhail and Ted Silver will be meeting to review and design several alternative connecting routes to prepare recommendations to the Council and to explore with the involved stakeholders in the community. The goal is to develop connectivity between the Town and the outlying areas.

Respectfully submitted by: Ted Silver, Chairman