

MINUTES BANNER ELK BICYCLE AND PEDESTRIAN COMMITTEE 10/06/2011

Chairman Ted Silver called the meeting to order. Present were, Council Member Robert Tufts, Doug Owens, Rick Owen ,Town Manager, and citizen Lora Elder.

The Chairman in his report discussed:

1. Stripping and work on 184/194

Doug Owen then reported on the upcoming collegiate mountain bike races to be held October 15th and 16th , the same weekend as Wooly Worm. The courses will be either on Lees-McRae campus's track or cross-country. There will be no on road racing. Discussion followed about notifying the race organizers about the traffic congestion expected that weekend and efforts would be made to try and limit conflicts. Member Doug Owen, who will be a race official, offered to communicate to the necessary individuals of this problem.

Rick Owen, the Town Manager, appeared and updated the committee on several issues:

1. Under the current grant, the planners will be working on designing extensions of the Greenway along 184 near the school and the proposed turn lane at Apple Orchard.
2. Further studies will be conducted along with this planning in an effort to identify easement issues and expansion on either side of 184 from the Mill Pond
3. With regards to signage about LMC cycling championship, this issue will not be further pursued by the Committee as NCDOT as requirements as to these signs along with allowing LMC to determine exactly what and where they would like such signs.
4. Looks forward to working with the Committee in the development and funding of new signs along our greenways.
5. The NCDOT is still working on processing the turn lane at Apple Orchard and 184.

Lora Elder discussed her upcoming August 2012 Rock the Blue Ridge Century Ride. The committee looks forward to a successful and safe event and helping in any way possible.

Thereafter the Committee made the following requests for action by the Town Council.

REQUESTS FOR ACTION:

1. Request the Town Manager consult with the Banner Elk TDA and any other relevant funding sources to help fund the planning and development of our Greenway expansion and preservation.