

## **MINUTES BANNER ELK BICYCLE AND PEDESTRIAN COMMITTEE 3/01/2012**

Chairman Ted Silver called the meeting to order. Present were, Town Council members Charlie B. Voncanon and Robert Tufts,:

The Chairman in his report discussed:

1. The Chairman, Ted Silver, again mentioned that he will be attending the League of American Bicyclist's National Summit meeting in Washington DC, March 19-23, 2012. If the Council has any specific issues for our Senators or House representative let him know, so if possible they can be mentioned during the Summit
2. He taught a two-week section on Cycling Law during the Principles of Cycling course at Lees-McRae College.
3. The grant awarded the Town by the North Carolina Depart. Of Health and Human Services, Division of Public Health has been completed. As a result, by the efforts of CES planners we were able to plot several different alternatives to expand our Greenway out towards the new Banner Elk Elementary. Picture boards were shown and will be presented to Town Council.
4. There will be a webinar on March 7<sup>th</sup> on the subject of Pedestrian Safety and Accessibility Considerations at Modern Roundabouts. The chairman has registered and will attend.
5. The Regional Bike Committee is putting together a survey for responses from the 7 counties covering bike/ped transportation issues.
6. Mention was made that hopefully Lees-McRae will be able to schedule

Although unable to attend Member Doug Owen did provide a report:

1. Greg LeMond, first American to win the Tour de France, will be coming to Banner Elk to teach at LMC for a few days, lead a ride and that there will be a fund raising dinner in his honor. Details to follow.
2. There will be a biking event the second weekend in October with LMC.

There then ensued a discussion among those present started by Mr. Charlie VonCanon regarding the park expansion and its facilities. The discussion brought up park bathrooms, climbing walls, rain barrels, new park pavilion, and parking places near Pantry.

Both Mr. VonCanon and Mr. Tufts, discussed that there should be an opportunity for the public to review the park and proposed Greenway alternatives by the public for comment and review.

The Committee wants to thank it's members, Town Manager and Town Council for their presence and cooperation.

Respectfully submitted,

Ted Silver, Chairman