

MINUTES BANNER ELK BICYCLE AND PEDESTRIAN COMMITTEE 5/2/2013

Chairman Ted Silver called the meeting to order. Present was Town Manager Rick Owen , Town Council Members Charles VonCanon and Robert Tufts and Planning Board Member Penny VonCanon.

The Chairman in his report discussed:

1. Discussed the next step in the process of developing the Greenway extension. That the proposal of Destination by Design's proposal had been reviewed by the Town Manager. Destination by Design is a local design firm from Boone, NC headed up by Eric Woolridge.

2. Discussions are proceeding with Mountain Electric, the local Tourist Development Agencies, local governments, Chambers and others about the inclusion of a greenway/multi-modal path along the Mountain Electric easement from Sugar Mountain to Banner Elk.

3. Although Doug Owen was at the Collegiate Road Nationals, the Chairman did report that the weekend of October 25th, 2013 Lees-McRae will be hosting the National Mountain Biking Championships and that they hope to have some activities here in Banner Elk as well as on-campus and elsewhere.

The Town Manager reported that the Banner Elk TDA had agreed to underwrite the full cost of the proposal from Destination by Design for the first phase of research for the Greenway extension. This will include research with the North Carolina DOT, environmental concerns, and suggested granting sources for the project. The Town Manager will also be taking an active part in the process.

Discussion then centered on the Mountain Electric/Greenway and how to make it happen.

Respectfully submitted,

Ted Silver, Chairman