

Bucks County Bicycle Task Force

MINUTES

DATE: 4 PM, July 15, 2008

LOCATION – Bucks County Planning Commission, 4th Floor Conference Room

PRESENT

County Government – Dave Johnson, Paul Gordon

Members – Eric Cutting, Nancy Dischert, Jonathan Gold, Andrew Hamilton, Michael Patterson, Peyton Perrine, Michael, Rubillo, Bob Ruddy, and Troy Termyna

Guests – Ed Hein

CONTACTS

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Guests

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1 WELCOME – David Johnson welcomed the group to the meeting. He went over the agenda and offered to turn the meeting over to anyone else that desired to run the meeting. It was decided that he should lead the first meeting with the agenda presented. It was further decided that the task force would put leaders together the next meeting after we had a chance to meet each other. David passed around a sheet for attendees to add their contact info.

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- 2 INTRODUCTIONS** – Each person in the room introduced themselves and gave a brief description of how they got there and/or their focus on being there.
- 3 MUNICIPAL UPDATE** – Paul Gordon reviewed his work in discovery and inventorying the County for open space, trails, paths, and existing bike routes. He explained that there are 54 municipalities and that he is working to learn from each municipality what the municipality has in place or is planned. He explained that some municipalities are very cooperative while others struggle with the resources needed to respond. Paul invited us all to feel free to contact our local municipality to assist this discovery. Paul was invited to use the group as needed if he needed a local contact to convince a municipality to cooperate.
- 4 SAFETY** – Many members on the task force are concerned with the overall safety of bicyclists in the county. Education was a common theme of the discussion.
- 5 WORK TASKS DEFINED** - The group spent time discussing tasks that the committee should accomplish. They are as follows:
 - 5.1 Define on-road network and designate network on a map throughout the county and have network approved by Commissioners. It was discussed that if Bucks County officially approves a bicyclist's network, they will have a tool to work with PennDOT to address bicycle issues when any work is performed on the network.
 - 5.2 Define non-road network and designate network on a map throughout the County and have network approved by Commissioners.
 - 5.3 Define Education needs and plans for the following:
 - 5.3.1 Education of Municipalities (54 total in Bucks)
 - 5.3.2 Children
 - 5.3.3 Adult Cyclists
 - 5.3.4 Motorists

note: The two network tasks were proposed to be completed in first 3-4 months.

FOLLOW UP TASKS

- 5.4 Questions for County via David Johnson
 - 5.4.1 Can open space money be used for bicycling projects?
 - 5.4.2 What is the charge from the County? What was the task force created for in the eyes of the commissioners? What does the task force have to accomplish in the first term (1 year).
- 5.5 Mission Statement creation will be put together by Michael Rubillo with assistance via Email and presented at next meeting.
- 5.6 Bylaws will be worked on by Bob Ruddy and presented at the next meeting.

Respectfully submitted,
Bob Ruddy