

E.I. Bike & Ped. Committee

Minutes -2/21/2018

Call to Order:

Present: Alesia Sanderson, Mike Taylor, Anne Schrott, Cris Lauback, Ken Stone

Absent: Branden Burt, Deborah Styron, Ken Ambrose, Wanda Collins

Approval of Minutes: 1/17/2018 minutes approved

Business:

Bike the Banks Event: Mike and Alesia updated members on the status of planning for the May 5, 2018 event. So far 20 riders have registered (7 for 100, 13 for 50, none for fun ride). Card fliers are out to all of the bike shops and have been mailed to bike clubs, info is on the Town website, and in Island Tidings. As we get closer, we will need a news release for papers and fliers to be posted around town. Of high importance still is soliciting of sponsors and several names were mentioned, particularly those who provide services on the Isle (i.e. Yardworks, Carteret Craven, Publix, realtors, etc., etc.). So far, we only have sponsorships from Taylors and Ambroses for \$500 each. We also still need to solidify volunteers for that day to staff registration, give directions, and service rest stops/turn arounds. So far, we have Cris and Carol Lauback at Harkers Island/Waterfowl Museum, Ken & Sharon Ambrose at Ft. Macon, Ken Stone & a yet to be named at the Eastern Reg. Access. We still need someone at the Coast Guard Rd.turn, and 2 at the Morehead boat ramp/Newport River bridge. Alesia stated that her staff would handle registration, but we could also use 2 people to help direct folks and answer questions at registration. Our previous signs are in good shape, and Alesia will contact Sam Bland from the Coastal Federation to get some "ride in progress" signs. We also still need to firm up SAG vehicles. We previously agreed to fund someone as a mechanic (Mike will ask Wayne Ryan from Hwy. 58 Bikes and the Atlantic Beach shop for paid possibilities) and others for support. Mike will also contact EI Police (Ketcham) for event support who in turn will need to coordinate with other towns on the ride.

2018-19 Budget Recommendations and Priorities: Alesia and Ken S commented on Town budget meetings related to Committee initiatives. Currently, we have \$31,870 in B&P funds with additional donations to come from the Marathon and the Bike the Banks events, hopefully totaling around \$55,000 at mid-year (but... it all depends...). We discussed the need for a pedestrian bridge to the 30-acre park being developed behind the Rec Center and unanimously voted that Committee funds should be used to help fund this; the approximate cost for materials and installation is expected around \$30,000, hopefully somewhat less. Alesia expected that this might not be until the Fall due to inclusion in the 2018-19 budget although it would be good if we could do something before then (possibly with B&P funds currently available). We also discussed the need for maintenance of some areas of the Path, and Alesia is

reviewing this. Further lighting along Coast Guard Rd. was also discussed. Carteret Craven will be doing work and trimming on the road which should open up lighting some and Cris and Ken will check out dark areas some night and report recommendations for additional lighting.

Adjournment and Next Meeting Date: Meeting adjourned at 10:00. The next regular meeting is scheduled for ***3/21/2018***.