

## **E.I. Bike & Ped. Committee**

### **Minutes – 3/21/2018**

#### **Call to Order:**

**Present:** Alesia Sanderson, Cris Lauback, Ken Stone, Ken Ambrose, Wanda Collins, Branden Burt, Anne Schrott, Mike Taylor

**Absent:** Deborah Styron

**Approval of Minutes:** 2/21/2018 Minutes approved

#### **Business:**

**Bike the Banks Event:** Mike updated members on the May 5 Bike the Banks event; still lots to do but things are falling into place. Alesia stated that 30 folks have registered so far; we usually don't get a lot of registrations until closer to the event and the weather starts to warm up (113 riders last year). We still need volunteers for the rest stops. Anne will take near the Newport Bridge and Branden will do Harkers Island, Ken A and Sharon will do Fort Macon, Ken S and Paul Schwartz will do the Eastern Regional Access. We still need a volunteer for Coast Guard Rd., and a couple more along the Century route. Branden said he will check with Transportation Impact folks to get more volunteers and let Mike know. Mike has talked to EI police but will also contact other towns along the Century route and probably the sheriff also. There are concerns about riding the bridge and unless construction gets completed we will probably do a detour route on the way out; Mike will stay on top of this and draw up map directions for all the rides as we get closer. Safety signs as well as directional signs will be put in place. We are still looking for SAG support and a bike mechanic as Hwy. 58 cannot provide it, and other area bike shops are 1 person operations and may not be able to help out on a business day. We also need to borrow 3 bike pumps for use on the day of the event. More sponsors are definitely needed; we have two \$500 donations from generous members, and a \$250 pledge from NC Beach rentals so far. Mike will recheck Bluewater, Branden will talk to Brandon about previous sponsors and try to drum up some donations (Shark's Den, Yardworks, T.I., etc.) and Alesia will talk it up with Publix. The cut-off date for T shirts is April 16 so we need to lock in sponsors shortly. We have water left from the Marathon that is available for the event and Alesia will take care of food stuffs as we get closer. Wanda brought up the point that since Brandon left, our Facebook page has not been kept up and that she will be willing to work on that; many thanks. News articles for the event have been sent to papers and should air as we get closer; Mike will stay on top of this.

**Other Business:** Right now, the Bike the Banks event is our major focus. Alesia is taking care of Path maintenance issues and work on the pedestrian bridge to the new 30 acre parcel behind the Rec Center won't occur until Fall or Spring. Members were encouraged to listen to the community for any other bicycle and pedestrian concerns and needs. Currently we have

\$32,535.53 in B&P funds and will eventually have funds coming in from the Marathon/HalfM/5K, but not sure how much yet.

**Adjournment & Next Meeting Date:** Excellent attendance and interaction today. Meeting adjourned at 9:45. The *next regularly scheduled meeting is April 18, 2018.*