

KRTC Board Meeting, 4th floor Phoenix Building, 101 East Vine Street, Monday, 5/21/07, 6:30 pm.
Present: Phyllis Hasbrouck, Tiffani Jackson (Bike/Ped Coordinator), Helga Yates, Keith Lovan (Chair), Steve and Cheryl Wyatt, Dixie Moore

1. Call to Order:
2. Treasurer's report. As of April 30th, Checking account \$ 8,179.21, Money Market Stewardship Fund \$21,316.60.
3. Consensus Items. The KRTC's calendar for the upcoming months was reviewed. It is at <http://www.kyrailtrail.org/forum/viewtopic.php?p=171#171> See the additional two items listed at the end of the minutes.
4. Guest Speaker-Tiffani Jackson-State Bicycle and Pedestrian Coordinator. Ms. Jackson explained that her job is to encourage biking and walking and is located in the Office of Special Programs.

She handed out the reprinted "KY Bicycle Tours" maps and posters for the Share the Road Rally to be held in Frankfort on June 30th. She indicated that there is a dedicated web page within the Department of Transportation website for bike/ped activities. The page is called "BikeWalk" at bikewalk.ky.gov. The KY Bicycle Tours booklet will be posted to this link, The Share the Road Rally poster is also at this link. Booklets are printed on an as needed basis. If bike shops or any cycling event would like some booklets they should send in their requests to Ms. Jackson.

Ms. Jackson indicated she would be attending the upcoming Horsey Hundred Tour in Georgetown Memorial Day weekend. She will also have Bike/Ped information at the State Transportation Booth at the State Fair this year; she was receptive to KRTC literature and information being available at the State Fair booth.

Ms. Jackson is working to update the Bike and Pedestrian Plan and the policy that guides bike/ped activities and related highway construction. The current "Pedestrian & Bicycle Travel Policy" dated July 2002 is on the Bikeway website. The first Bike/Ped Conference is planned for 2008 most likely in August; she envisions a one-day workshop.

She discussed the use of rumble streets indicating that it is the position of the Federal Highways Administration (FHWA) not to apply rumble strips unless there is adequate space for bicycles on the outside of the rumble strip; a minimum of 4 feet of road space on the outside was mentioned.

Questions were asked about getting more share the road signs. She explained each Highway District addresses the Share the Road signage differently. If anyone is interested in Share the Road signage they should contact the local District office.

She also reported on the share the road license plates. 4,170 plates were sold last year, which was the first year. Approximately \$78 was collected in voluntary contributions. The Transportation Cabinet has now changed the policy and will add the \$10.00 donation to the cost of

the specialty plates allowing the buyers to opt out of paying the additional fee. This change in policy should generate more funds. The KY Bicycle and Bikeway Commission decides how the money will be collected.

She explained that the Bike Commission held quarterly meetings via conference call hook-ups. These meetings are open to the public and if you would like to participate then contact Ms. Jackson in advance to get the details. Ms. Jackson has copies of the minutes if anyone would like to review them. Suggestion was made to place the minutes on the BikeWalk website.

5. Helga Yates reported on a meeting with the County Judge Executive of Magoffin County. about the Dawkins Line and its potential for a rail trail that has been rail banked by the Big Sandy ADD. She reported that county officials from Magoffin County has not gotten a copy of the feasibility study authorized by the Big Sandy ADD.

In general it appears that the local citizens do not see the benefits of a railtrail. There was concern about the ability of local law enforcement to adequately police the trail. Her comments indicated that there might be confusion about what type of “recreational vehicle” would be allowed on the trail. Her comments sparked a general discussion. It was reported that the Judge Hardin, has been asked to speak at the Eastern Kentucky Rail Trail Summit on June 14th put on by the Eastern Kentucky Advocates for Wellness, along with the Ashland Boyd County Health Department and Our Lady of Bellefonte Hospital.

Discussion included the idea of constructing the railtrail in the Johnson and Breathitt Counties, and rail banking the Magoffin County section. It was also discussed about making the rail trail a state park.

Members presented indicated that KRTC would be very willing to provide guest speakers to talk about railtrails at gatherings in Magoffin County, such as church groups, Rotary Club, etc.

A vote was taken, seconded and passed to purchase 25 copies of DVD's that was originally on VCR “Enhancing our Communities” to use for informational and educational purposes.

6. Keith Lovan reported on the Bike Lexington Event, May 19th. He said that 700 people participated. The KRTC large display was there which attracted much attention. Thanks to Joni Kling for staffing the booth.

7. Dixie Moore reported on the plans for the upcoming Cycling Relay between Lexington and Ashland. She will talk to radio stations in eastern KY about having the results of the relay reported on the local stations. Some volunteers will be needed the day of the relay. See the KRTC website for more details.

8. Nominations Committee, Cheryl Wyatt reported on her canvassing of board members. Robin Reams will be stepping down as the representative from BRTF. George Ely will also not continue as a board member but plans to remain active in the Council. Additional board members will be reporting back shortly. A more complete nomination report will be ready for the June board meeting.

9. Cheryl Wyatt reported on the Safe Routes to School National Partnership training in Denver,

May 16-18. KRTC agreed to be the sponsoring agency for her role as State Network Organizer for Kentucky. The State Network Project is sponsored by Bikes Belong and the Robert Wood Johnson Foundation. The SRTS National Partnership is a pilot project in ten states to bring together professionals from health, education, youth services, smart growth, and bike/pedestrian organizations to ensure the success of the federally funded Safe Routes to School program.

Cheryl also reported that she will send her expense reports directly to the Bike Belong Foundation and they will disburse payment for her part time position directly to her; KRTC is not needed as a financial pass through as originally thought. Since KRTC is now a sponsoring agency she has asked that KRTC join the Safe Routes to School National Partnership. She will forward the statements describing the Partnership to the Board. She also will use a business card with both the KRTC logo and the National Safe Routes School Program logo as a visual representation of the partnership. For more information: www.saferoutespartnership.org

Cheryl also reported that according to Morgan Wilson, Safe Routes to School Coordinator at the KY Transportation Cabinet, 70 applications for the second year of Safe Routes projects totaling \$10 million dollars were received this winter; however only \$2 million is available in this cycle. For more information about Kentucky's program visit www.saferouteskentucky.com

10. Discussion was held about selling t shirts and other marketing items. Keith requested that the Board approve funds to hire a designer to create a design to be used on t shirts or a lightweight tote bag. Brian Turner, who designed the logo for the Bike Lexington event was recommended as the designer. The board voted, moved and seconded to pay up to a fee of \$250 for a design to be used for t-shirts or other promotional items.

11. Need volunteers to help out with the Lexington to Ashland Relay June 9th 1-2 hour shifts. Contact DixieMoore@insightbb.com or Keith Lovan. at klovanx@yahoo.com.

12. Need volunteers for the July 4th booth downtown Lexington on July 4th. The booth has to be set up by 6:30 AM. Contact DixieMoore@insightbb.com or Keith Lovan. at klovanx@yahoo.com.

Next scheduled meeting will Monday, June 18, 2007

Consensus Items:

1. Historic Bridge for the Taking: The bridge currently spans the Rockcastle River on Ky. 490 (near Lamer, KY), and is a steel truss framework construction. The span is scheduled to be demolished and replaced next year.

Interested parties were to contact:

Dean Croft, Environmental coordinator, Highway District 11, Railroad Avenue

P.O. Box 250 , Manchester, KY 40962

Phone: (606) 598-2145

Thanks to Steve Lombardo for this information.

2. Greenways for Oldham County has a website: www.oldhamgreenways.org. Thanks to Doug Wampler for this information.