

Report
of the 2015 Walk-Bike Summit
September 3, 2015

A group of walk bike advocates held a Walk-Bike Summit on September 3, 2015 at the Clark Regional Medical Center, 150 Hospital Drive, Winchester, Kentucky at 10:00AM. Those in attendance were:

Facilitators:

Mr. Stephen M. Berry, GISP, Clark County GIS, Walk-Bike Clark County

Mr. Christopher Chaney, Bluegrass Area Development District, Walk-Bike Advocate

Attendees:

Mr. A. Scott Lockard, Director, Clark County Health Department

Ms. Olivia Whitman, Clark County Health Department

Ms. Lauren Wagoner, Winchester-Clark County Parks and Recreation

Ms. Beth Willett, The Greater Clark Foundation

Ms. Linda Barrett, Citizen

Ms. Clare Sipple, Bluegrass Trails and Greenways

Ms. Bobbi Newell, Citizen

Mr. Eric Vetter, Citizen

Ms. Kimberly Vaughn, Winchester YMCA

Mr. Don Cartwright, Bluegrass Cycling Club

Ms. Cora Heffner, Clark County Community Education & Chamber of Commerce

Ms. Katy Hedge, Director of Marketing, CRMC, Chamber HAWT

SESSION CONTENT:

Stephen Berry introduced the background of Walk-Bike efforts. Mr. Berry reviewed health and Bicycle-Pedestrian safety statistics related to Clark County. He stated that Walk-Bike planning and implementation would help support health, safety, and economic development.

Each attendee was asked to state their organization and interest in Walk-Bike programs in Clark County. The most frequent reasons for support were:

- 1) Promote Health and Activity
- 2) Promote Community
- 3) Improve connectivity of sidewalks and parks
- 4) Provide Transportation Economic Equity
- 5) Education of all users of roads, paths, sidewalks
- 6) Regional Connectivity
- 7) Improve the Quality of Life for Winchester and Clark County residents

The group was asked to create a vision statement and a mission statement for Walk-Bike Clark County. The vision statement was determined by consensus, and states:

"A Prosperous, fit, fun and safe Community"

The mission statement was determined by consensus, and states:

"To engage in advocacy, action, and education"

It was stated that actions would include recruitment of community members, and promotion of events related to Walking and Bicycling in Winchester and Clark County.

PRIMARY STAKEHOLDERS:

The primary, local stakeholders in Walk-Bike efforts were determined as:

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| Citizens (Walkers, Bicyclists, Parents, Residents, Workers) | Winchester-Clark County Chamber of Commerce |
| Clark County Fiscal Court | Clark County Activity Coalition |
| Winchester City Commission | Winchester YMCA |
| Winchester-Clark County Planning Commission | Clark Regional Medical Center |
| Winchester Police Department | Bluegrass Trails and Greenways |
| Main Street Winchester | Bluegrass Bicycle Club |
| Winchester-Clark County Tourism | Clark County Public Schools |
| Clark County Sheriff's Department | Kentucky River Water Trail Alliance |
| Winchester-Clark County Parks and Recreation | Local Faith Leaders |
| The Greater Clark Foundation | Local Business Owners/Executives |
| Winchester Public Works | Clark County Road Department |

ACTION ITEMS:

The group created a list of projects and programs that would benefit walking and biking in Clark County. The list of projects and programs were:

- 1) Colby Road Sidewalk
- 2) Advocate for Policy and Planning Transportation for all users (vehicles, bikes, pedestrians)
- 3) Connect all local parks and recreational activities via continuous sidewalks, paths, and trails
- 4) Establish Rail-Trail connecting to Fayette, Montgomery, and Powell Counties
- 5) Use and Promotion of Public Transportation
- 6) Create trail from Lettie Lane to Kentucky River using path of old county road
- 7) Sidewalk construction and improvements
- 8) Education of all transportation users of walk-bike safety.
- 9) Safe Routes to School
- 10) Bicycle Signage for Roadways

The group discussed these projects and programs and decided that a short list of action items should be created. The group decided that individual or collective construction or improvement projects should be established in an authoritative Bicycle and Pedestrian Plan.

The group decided to propose a joint resolution to the Winchester City Commission and Clark County Fiscal Court that would support transportation construction, repair, and improvements based on an "all user" approach.

The group approved the creation of a Bicycle-Pedestrian Advisory Committee to be the focus group for Walk-Bike efforts in Clark County. The group recommended that the Clark County BPAC request that an ordinance or resolution be passed by the Winchester City Commission and Clark County Fiscal Court. The resolution would recognize BPAC as an authoritative group that would report to the legislative bodies on a monthly basis. The BPAC would provide advice, technical support, and a forum for citizens that support Walk-Bike activities in Clark County. Mr. Berry was selected as the interim Chairperson for the BPAC.

TO DO LIST:

Stephen Berry, as interim Chair of the BPAC, stated that he would contact the Activity Coalition Chairs, Rachel Alexander and Michelle Franzetti, and state that the Walk-Bike Group has now become the Clark County BPAC. He also stated that he would schedule bi-monthly meetings for the BPAC. The group expressed the concern that work hours are not ideal for many citizens. The group suggested that meetings be held after hours.

Linda Barrett stated that she would be willing to propose the "all users" resolution to the City Commission and Fiscal Court. Ms. Newell and Ms. Willett stated that they would be willing to support

this effort, as well. The BPAC will identify the appropriate meeting dates for the City Commission and Fiscal Court to propose this resolution and will report back to Ms. Barrett.

Mr. Cartwright stated that the Bluegrass Cycling Club would be willing to promote safety education and other events, in conjunction with the BCC bike rides in Clark County.

The group suggested that Summit attendees meet again to follow up on these action items.

Mr. Berry stated that he would request a follow-up meeting of the group.

OTHER IDEAS FROM SUMMIT:

- 1) Bluegrass Bicycle Club certify local businesses as "Bike Partners"
- 2) Beginner/Family Rides
- 3) Promote Winchester Rides and Routes in conjunction with Red River Rally and Red Bud Ride
- 4) Ally with Mountain Horse Association on Rail Trail development