

FOUNTAIN CITY CONNECTIONS

Minutes: Wednesday, November 14th, 2007, meeting 8am-9:25am, Panera, Fountain City

Present: Donna Bueckman, Bill Cole, Thea Yoder and Ellen Zavisca

Donna Bueckman, President of Fountain City Connections, called the meeting to order. The minutes from our last meeting, October 11, 2007, were reviewed. One small revision was suggested. Donna made a motion and Ellen seconded that we should strike *park and walk was available* from the second paragraph under the title "Update on Old Action Items". There was no park and walk at Beaumont Elementary. The minutes with revision passed unanimously.

Donna B. reported that she and Thea signed a check for \$1,000.00 (as approved) and sent it to the Old North Knox Neighborhood Association to assist them in putting a Gravel Pave walkway in their new neighborhood park. Amy Broyles will keep our committee informed of the progress there.

Update on Old Action Items:

Following up on the ordinance, there is no word yet from the Attorney General. Donna B. said there was no real timeline for hearing from the Attorney General; she did place another call to Bill Dunn, as she has done for a few months now. Bill Dunn said that he was "still waiting" to hear from the Attorney General. *Donna stated that she happened to run into Tim Burchett last night and asked him if he knew the Attorney General. He stated he did; in fact he suggested she call his (Tim Burchett's) office with her request and he will follow-up on the progress of our ordinance with the Attorney General. *Donna will also call the Attorney General's office, if that seems fitting.

New Action Items:

Geordy had suggested that as part of the CMAQ application a survey could be given to parents of children in the PRZs asking whether parents would be willing to allow their sons/daughters to walk to school if sidewalks and safe crosswalks were available. Thea followed up on this idea and sent an email to Indya Kincannon asking if we could piggyback on a survey the school board was planning to distribute. Thea shared Indya's email response with the group and we talked about possibilities for a survey at some later date, maybe using the survey for Safe Routes to School.

Donna reported that the "Safe Kid's" dinner was last night and that Fountain City Connections was recognized as a group that supported Safe Kids Coalition of the Greater Knox Area.

*Donna said that she will provide information on Fountain City Connections and hand out bumper stickers at the Fountain City Elementary Winter Carnival on Dec. 16th. *Ellen will join her, publicizing the Walk and Wheel program in the spring and providing Safe Routes to School applications.

Bill had some ideas for fund raising: a sidewalk chalk drawing contest, a street fest, link fundraiser with the Dogwood festival. Thea asked if anyone knew if there was already a walking Dogwood trail, if not she thought we could come up with one in Fountain City. *Thea will call the Dogwood committee to see what she can find out. Donna mentioned that Fountain City Connections could sponsor some events. Ellen suggested a Dogwood bike tour. If we could find safe routes maybe then we could ask Fountain City Town Hall to endorse us in sponsoring these events.

Thea mentioned that Carol Evans, from Legacy Parks, may join us at our next meeting to see how we could work collaboratively on the whole idea of walkways and greenspace in Knoxville.

Donna asked *Bill to check on striping of crosswalks at the Health Department on Dameron, at Children's Hospital from the employee parking lot on 22nd Street to the hospital, and on Grove Street at Fountain City Elementary.

While waiting on the Attorney General's response it was decided we look at areas in Fountain City that we could priorities as ones that if a sidewalk were in place, that sidewalk might help alleviate the most congestion, as well as bringing an added measure of safety to those areas. We could use a large map, circling the schools with appropriate PRZs, then look at the generators and attractors for those areas and come up with a plan based on seen benefits. *Ellen will bring a large map of Fountain City to our next meeting.

The meeting was adjourned at 9:25am

**Note: * denotes Action Item.
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Next meeting: Wednesday, December 12th 8:00am at Panera in Fountain City.

If you would like to have a copy of these minutes available at the next meeting, please print a copy to bring along.

Thanks,
Thea Yoder

Please contact me for additions and/or corrections (by e-mail or 688-8286)