

Montpelier Bike Advisory Committee Agenda

Tuesday May 3 2016 6:00 to 7:30 PM

Meeting Minutes

City Hall Manager's Conference Room

Committee Members Invited: Jenn Gordon (JG), Gary Holloway (GH), Anthony Mennona (AM), Farid Q (FQ), Jon Budreski (JB), Heather Voisin (HV), Jonathan Harries (JH), Suzanne Eikenberry (SE), Per Tonn, Mike Philbrick (MP).

Others Invited: Laura Biren, Savannah Riddle

Abbreviations: MBAC: Montpelier Bicycle Advisory Committee; MTAC: Montpelier Transportation Advisory Committee; SCBC: Strong Communities Better Connections; MIM: Montpelier in Motion

1) Approve agenda & minutes

Motion to approve the agenda, including the order of the agenda. JG motioned to approve the agenda. Motion seconded by GH and approved.

2) Guest Introductions

Ron Merkin is visiting as a guest this week to observe and listen. Previous meeting we had guests visit and a discussion online followed. When we have guests or others we should provide a template to keep them on track and keep focused.

3) Public Comments

Review action items from previous meeting and update on progress. Nothing to review.

4) Other Business (Co Chair, Secretary, Comm, Assign Steering Person)

- Proposal by JB for JG to co chair the bike committee. This would be to support and distribute the tasks. GH seconded the motion. All committee members approved.
- Co-secretaries FQ and SE. JG has been leading the communications. JG wants to relinquish the responsibility of the website and would like a permanent committee member to take over this responsibility. Need some skill with wordpress and web development. Would have to post agenda, minutes, content of the bike committee on the website. This responsibility could be part of the Americorps Vista position. JG proposes that a few minutes of each meeting be dedicated to updating the content of the website. Time commitment is year for the committee member.
- Discussion of City/MBAC website: If we had events or questions about safety for Montpelier residents they can access this as a resource. Focuses on infrastructure, what the bike advisory committee does, specific events, projects, a summary month to month,

advertising events, links to other relevant sites. Lots of safety information out there, do we need to reinvent the wheel.

- If we could feed information between Local Motion and city websites then it could be a good collaboration.

Montpelier In Motion – SE interested in working on policy and this is a policy that interests her. JG – Have been in touch with Mike Miller and there are some things to work out.

Looking for rep from each of the committees from MTAC for SCBC grant. Mike looking to put a committee together by June. Memo sent out today. We are offering our suggestions to MTAC or are we sending directly. Need to get back to Corey on this item.

Question regarding SCBC grant steering committee - Communication with MTAC and what their role is as a liaison. Question – What is the commitment?

5) More concrete assignment of action items

JG – Langdon St Alive; JB – Bike Valet; AM – MTAC, going to 2 meetings a month; GH – Bike to Game Planning; HV – Steering Committee for SCBC?; JH – City DPW Liaison, being able to talk with Corey from an engineering perspective, particularly with downtown engineering projects; FQ – Education / Secretary, Laura able to assist with this too; SE – Secretary; PT - ; MP -

Discussion of how people feel about the focus of MBAC meetings and its structure. MIM can be referred to more and more policy focus. Discussion about traffic calming policy email sent around about Barre Street as well as funding needed for DPW to implement policies.

JG will volunteer to reach out to Jesse for a good place to start to find the policies.

Discussion of whether MBAC should bring traffic calming policy to MTAC and should bring to City Council.

Discussion of a policy in place to have an explanation on a sign any time a sharrow would be put down or every 5 sharrows. Also discussed safety of sharrows versus bike lanes and how to increase ridership.

Ride to Red Hen bakery, they started milling the pavement on 302 and should be completed by early June. Getting it ready for a road diet. Ride to Espresso Bueno. They are doing studies that do 12 hour shots to distinguish cars and bikes. Planning an event in downtown Barre and meet Montpelier folks at the Wayside Diner.

May 7th Farmers Market Bike Valet discussed.

Returned to discussing Main St. and Barre St. to have some physical infrastructure on the road, whether it is bike lanes or something else.

Meeting adjourned at 7:30 PM