

MBAC – Montpelier Bike Advisory Committee

Minutes

January 18 2016

Start 5 PM – End 7:45 PM

City Hall Town Manager's Office

Attendance: Jon B, Per T, Jenn G, Suzanne E, Laura B, Heather V, Gary H, Farid

1. Approve agenda: agenda approved
2. Brief Introductions / Guest Intro (if applicable): Heather V, Gary H and Farid introduced themselves as newest members of the committee.
3. Public Comments (if applicable): N/A
4. Review previous meeting notes
 - a. Suzanne provided a synopsis for the new members of the process of identifying the committee's priorities.
5. Upcoming Dates/Meetings/Action Items
 - a. Feb. 16 may be next MBAC meeting if no conflict with TAC. Jon to F/U on this.
 - b. April 1 is Walk/Bike Summit in Rutland. Opportunity for MBAC?
 - c. Langdon St. Alive 2016. Gary to F/U on exact dates.
6. Other Business
 - a. Updates on discount beverage: City council in closed session negotiations. Likely moving forward without eminent domain process.
 - b. Website updates/communications: Jenn working with Seth Wood to learn more about the city's CMS. Jenn made a request to send her information to include on website. Per suggested streetsblogvermont.
 - c. Updates on bike path extension: Heather provided information based on her VTRANS affiliation. Jon will get updated info. for next meeting.
 - d. FU on MTAC and ATF: Jon & Anthony attended the City Council meeting to support the MBAC's proposal for utilization of ATF. Painting is moving forward aligned with DPWs plan. Scoping study being conducted on Main and Barre St. Strong Communities and Better Connections grant was submitted recently by city and will take a deeper dive toward implementing Complete Streets plan.
 - e. Assign secretary: duty will be rotated for now.
 - f. TAC: Jenn, Anthony and Gary have agreed to share this responsibility.

7. Bicycle Encouragement in 2016

Discussion focused on who, what, when and why.

Who are we encouraging? New or tentative cyclists including families and those who don't feel safe to ride.

What? Ideas include a bike rodeo with food, raffles, giveaways to draw in community, providing education about rules of the road, sharrows, riding routes around city. Ideally, an event would piggy-back on other events – Langdon Street Alive, Way to Go Week, etc.

When? May.

Where? Langdon St, MHS parking lot. Promote riding routes in-between the two.

Why? Families with young kids, others are tentative about riding in Mntplr. Don't feel safe, unsure of where to ride. An event will allow for education to be disseminated, bring an increased awareness to riding possibilities.

Action Items:

Per – will contact Andrew Brewer about supporting an event.

Gary – will find out dates of Langdon St. Alive

Suzanne – what education materials exist and can we leverage?

Jon – Reach out to Bill Merrylees about organizing past events – successes and failures?

Jenn – Reach out to Emily of Local Motion.

Heather – FU with VTrans on Rt 12

Respectfully Submitted by Jenn Gordon. 1/19/16