

MBAC – Montpelier Bike Advisory Committee

Minutes

Feb 16 2016

Start 6 PM – End 7:30 PM

City Hall - Manager's Office

Attendance:

Jon B, Per T, Jenn G, Suzanne E, Laura B, Heather V, Gary H, Farid Q, Jonathan H, + 2 Guests (Kiera Sauter, Community Member and ECO-Americorps Member Zack Simpson).

Discussion started around establishing a set meeting time for future MBAC meetings. (Agenda item 5) **Jon to send out a doodle poll.**

Agenda item 1: **Minutes from the previous meeting were approved.** "Other business" items added to agenda including:

discussion of appointing additional interested members, infrastructure items based on conversations with Corey, Langdon St. Alive, Walk/Bike Summit

Agenda item 2: Brief intros, including guest intros

Zach Simpson - Americorps ECO member, presented info on his focus on terrestrial invasive plants and upcoming projects including placing signage on paths/trails in city, adding boot brushes, and possibly bike maintenance items

Kira - involved in Dirt Divas program, attending to get sense of bike community with focus on youth programs

Agenda item 3: N/A

Agenda items 4-6: Discussion surrounding MBAC mission of providing encouragement and education

Jenn reported on her mtg with Emily Boedecker (sp?) of Local Motion. Take away was that focus and promotion should focus on 60% of population that doesn't ride b/c of safety concerns. By building public support, MBAC can help secure funding mechanisms, possibly through non-binding resolution(s)

Brief discussion on moving Montpelier to Silver rating for a Bicycle Friendly Community.

Consensus that, given bandwidth and volunteer nature of MBAC, our encouragement and education event(s) should be done in conjunction with other events that are already scheduled.

Local motion has assistance kit (? is this right??) to help with events that runs \$5000. **Jenn to check on fee and get a better understanding of what this entails/includes.**

Events being considered: Providing valet bike parking at July 3rd (**Laura to take lead on reaching out to Montpelier Alive**); Valet parking at Farmer's Market (**Jon to reach out to Caroline G**); Pop-up bike lane to Mountaineers game (**Jenn to reach out to Mountaineers**)

Also noted was the UES bike curriculum happening for 4th graders - is there anyway to use this unit to build on with additional encouragement and education? **Kira to reach out to MJ looking for youth bike "champions" that may provide some inter-generational bike advocacy.**

Agenda item 7:

Gary provided an update on most recent MTAC meeting. **Motion made, seconded, and passed: to allow MBAC's two votes on the MTAC to be from any of the MBAC members.**

Future MTAC meetings used as regular opportunity to check in with Corey on painting projects and other upcoming projects.

Motion made, seconded, and passed: Request that City Council appoint Farid and Jonathan as additional MBAC members. (Jon to contact City Council with this request)

Meeting adjourned at 7:30.

Respectfully Submitted by Heather Voisin