

Montpelier Pedestrian Advisory Committee
April 26, 2015

Minutes

Acronyms:

ATF	Alternative Transportation Fund
BAC	Bicycle Advisory Committee
DPW	Dept. of Public Works
MTAC	Montpelier Transportation Advisory Committee
PAC	Pedestrian Advisory Committee

Present:

Eve-Jacobs Carnahan, Guy Tapper, John Snell, Harris Webster, Erica Garfin

Public: Mary Carlson

1. Eve convened the meeting at 5:15 p.m.
2. Agenda was approved.
3. March 22, 2016 minutes were approved. There was some discussion about whether decisions about ATF funds are made an ad hoc basis and how that could affect requests for funds that come later in the year. Funds for an open streets event or reflective arm band distribution are likely to come from a different funding source.
4. Open Streets Event
John reported that Erin made a presentation about PAC's proposed open streets event to the MTAC. MTAC members suggested an October 2 date, rather than October 8, to coincide with the end of Way to Go events, and a change of location from Loomis and Park Streets to State Street so that it would have more visibility. Since this is a pilot of sorts for a project of this type, PAC continues to prefer the smaller Loomis Street location, but thought adding School Street from Park to the Main Street would increase visibility. PAC wants to stay with the October 8 date to coordinate with We Walk Week.

John and Erin will draft a proposal for approval at the May 24 PAC meeting with the goal of presenting it to the City Council in June.
5. Request Tracker
Eve will continue her efforts to find out if there is anything the PAC can do to help with any functionality problems with Request Tracker.
6. Strong Communities Better Connections

Eve met with Kevin Casey to talk about the Strong Communities Better Connections grant, a state grant that will enable the city to hire a consultant to come up street typologies to support multi-modal transportation. The city will want community input at some point. A steering committee will be formed to guide the project; it's not clear whether it will be MTAC or a newly formed committee.

7. Walking maps

Ideas were generated in response to Laura's request for input about the kinds of things that might be included on the walking map she is working on for her GIS class.

- Interactive map usable on portable devices.
- Links on map connect users to website with more information.
- QR symbols on wayfinding signage could connect people to the map.
- One master map with overlays with specific information such as walks for various themes—historic buildings, solar installations, trees, etc.
- Include maps of Hubbard and North Branch Parks.
- Provide information about things like degree of difficulty; distance from starting point; distance remaining; walking surface (sidewalk, no sidewalk, paved, unpaved), etc.

9. Sidewalk monitoring report

Harris provided a draft one-page summary that condenses the findings of his extensive 2016 survey of sidewalk hazards. For the second year, the report compares the status of hazards with the previous year. While hazards on downtown streets show great progress with a 16% decrease since last year, there is a 9% increase on arterial streets. There was also a 22% decrease on neighborhood streets. Eve and John will work with Harris to revise the document for presentation to the City Council. The committee congratulated Harris on his work and voted to support his recommendation to set a goal of a 20% decrease in hazards each year (Erica motion; Eve second).

8. Other business

- John asked us to check out the LED lighting that's being tested in one of the low fixtures on East State Street in front of La Brioche and send feedback to Bill Fraser with cc to Tom McArdle at DPW.
- John will ask Corey for a list of DPW projects for the summer that affect pedestrians.
- John suggested that the Montpelier in Motion Plan, which is excellent for its focus on what needs to happen now, should be revisited at some point to develop a vision and plan for what should happen 10-15 years out.

9. Meeting adjourned at 6:30 p.m.