

Montpelier Complete Streets Committee

April 3, 2019, 5:30 pm.

Members in Attendance: Jeanne Kern, John Snell, Nancy Schulz

Guests: Philip Picotte, Peter Harris, Phoenix Mitchell

Approval of Minutes

Upon a motion, the minutes were approved.

Approval of Agenda

Upon a motion, the agenda was approved.

Comments from Public and Potential New Members

Philip demonstrated inexpensive bike lights and discussed ways to improve nighttime safety for residents who otherwise couldn't afford bike lights. Nancy confirmed that Aubuchon Hardware will be carrying illuminated reflective arm bands in the near future.

After Nancy introduced the committee's work on education and partnering with City departments, Peter and Phoenix introduced themselves as potential new members. Peter serves on the board of Central Vermont Council on Aging and is interested in improving public transit. Phoenix grew up in Elmore and is looking to improve active transportation; he volunteers at Free Ride Community Bike Shop on Fridays.

Jeanne encouraged continued outreach to Montpelier residents with disabilities, and related organizations such as VCIL, to bring these voices onto the Committee.

Pedestrian Scramble, May 4

Nancy described the event for guests. The Scramble was introduced to Montpelier two years ago by Harris Webster. It is a form of scramble hunt that guides participants around the City on foot, promoting walking and providing residents a new way to see their city.

Harris would like support with publicity in advances and logistics on the day of the event.

Bridge Ad

Nancy introduced the message (Be Bright, Be Seen, Be Rewarded) placed in *The Bridge*, and the corresponding gift certificate distribution effort in coordination with the reflective arm band hand-out.

The April ad will come out just before the Pedestrian Scramble, and the Committee agreed to promote the Scramble in the next ad.

New Member Recruitment

Jeanne and John discussed attracting new members from Montpelier High School, especially given the very high volume of young people biking and walking to school. Jeanne, John, and Nancy agreed to develop a list of Committee topics relevant to high schoolers.

Old Business

Nancy provided an update on covered bike parking. A proposal for covered parking at city is before the Montpelier Transportation Infrastructure Committee.

Adjourned at 6:28pm.