

Notes, Montpelier Bicycle Advisory Committee Meeting July 11, 2013, 8 – 9am

Present: Drew, Luke, Jessie Baker, Tom McArdle, Bill, Mike, Jon, Anthony Mennona, James, Per, Nancy, Sasha, Steve

Our newest committee member Anthony Mennona was introduced. Anthony has been on the bike path committee with James, now the two committees are folded into ours.

Bike Friendly Communities application update – Drew asked for input on final touches. Will submit by the deadline of July 16. SUBMITTED, THANKS DREW!

Tom McArdle of city public works, updates:

Tom is operating under the complete streets laws, and reminded us that cyclists are not the only “vulnerable road users”... Overall the city has 50 miles of roads. He would like to know what our committee’s priorities are for bike related infrastructure on those roads. There was some discussion, we agreed that we will focus on this at our next meeting, utilizing Jon’s maps.

Berlin street repave WILL happen this season, it will have a bike lane in both directions. Some discussion on sharrows and where in lane they should be. Also discussed was the section of River street, also called Berlin Street, from the bottom of the hill to the light at Main street. Many opinions on this. It is not included in the repave job above, and is something we can put on our wish list.

Racks also discussed. 5 of 6 locations are set, the work will begin soon. Roan maintenance needs such as potholes, gravel and tree trimming are clearly important, and in the long term we want to devise a good system of reporting these to public works, perhaps a system utilizing google maps. Right now we can do this informally and have one of us be the liaison to public works with this info. **Is anyone willing to take on this role?**

Jessie Baker, Assistant City Manager, bike related city projects & grants:

- Jessie discussed the overlap of three new committees- ours, the pedestrian committee and the parking committee. Parking committee contacts are Chief Facos , also Andrew Brewer of Onion river Sports. We should consider having liasons to these committees or meet with them when appropriate.
- State Street repave is being delayed until next construction season because of the complexity of the heat projects and huge trucks scheduled to deliver boilers etc. This gives us more time for input. Discussion of reverse angle parking possibilities at the statehouse. There is a lot of support for this among multiple groups in town. Lots of educating of the public will be needed if this happens.
- Background on the bike path – Granite Street to Gallison Hill (East section) Plans will soon be in hand, agreement with the RR is in process, public meeting to be held this fall on the design. Next steps will be securing easments, final design, bidding process, should be completed by early 2015...Berlin section along RR parallel to rt 302 is dead, will not happen...Section from Shaws to

Montpelier High school – timeline is less certain as it is tied up in negotiations for purchase of Carr Lot by the city.

Objectives & measures to accompany goals - We didn't get to this, will address it next time.

Other items, Announcements

There will be no Bike Festival this year. Note from Carrie of Onion River Sports and chair of Montpelier Alive's Promotions committee, "...Bad news, no bike festival this year. Matt, our Event Director at ORS, and the guy who was going to do the organization piece of Bike Town is leaving to go coach a cycling team in North Carolina in August. I just couldn't figure out how I was going to do it alone so the Montpelier Alive board decided to table it until 2014. I'm sure I'll start working on it in January, so will Montpelier Alive's fundraiser, and we'll make it happen. Sorry we didn't let you know sooner. It was a bit of a whirlwind."

Bike / Ped Program grant opportunity – the city doesn't have any fleshed out projects for this, that's what the bike master plan (funded by transportation alternatives) will provide. Since this application is due later this month, the city will pursue funding for a sidewalk project from this grant, and hopefully a bike project next round.

Next meeting- I'll put out a Doodle Poll for August 5th week or August 19th week.

Meeting went over a bit, adjourned at 9:20.