

MBAC – Montpelier Bike Advisory Committee

April 5, 2016

6pm – 730pm

City Hall Managers Conference Room

Committee Members Present: Jenn Gordon (JG), Gary Holloway (GH), Anthony Mennona (AM), Farid Q (FQ), Jon Budreski (JB), Heather Voisin (HV), Jonathan Harries (JH)

Committee Members Absent: Suzanne Eikenberry, Per Tonn

Others Present: Laura Biren, Savannah Riddle, Jessie Baker, Bill Merrylees, Colin O'Neil, Carolyn Rudinsky

1. Approve agenda & minutes

- a. AM motioned to approve the agenda, including the order of the agenda. All seconded the motion.

2. Brief Introductions / Guest Intro

- a. Bill Merrylees and Colin O'Neil – Cross VT Trail spanning Montpelier/Barre/Berlin update. A high level view was presented about this project. (see accompanying document entitled “The Cross VT Trail, Build the Bridge”). A new bridge is being built across the Winooski River Bridge. The corridor from Gallison Hill to U32 trail network to power dam and over the river across the bridge and then the trail is protected and runs along the river for 2 miles along Rt.2. There will be a boardwalk that continues past the Casella Landfill and to the Codling Farm. The hope is that the farm on Muddy Brook becomes a destination point for Montpelier residents. \$1.6 million to build this section. Grant from Federal Govt. of \$1.3 million and the match is \$250k. \$91k is left and needs to be raised to get the \$1.3 million. In 2019, this money will be reassessed if construction hasn't begun, there is a risk of losing it. Engineering work has been completed. The two big chunks are 1) the bridge and 2) heading East there needs to be a shoulder built. There is pressure to find matching money soon. Bill asked if there is any money from the MTAC funding that can be allocated for this project. GH asked if Walmart might be asked for funding. Jessie suggested that we bring it to the MTAC to discuss. Ideas were offered of various grants possibilities. Jessie suggested that this could be good for economic development and might align with other city and state goals around economic development.
- b. Jessie Baker, Assistant City Manager, gave the following update – Bike path extension updates. \$4 million project shared use bike extension path, picking up at Granite St ending in East Montpelier at Gallison Hill Rd. Improvement of road. The path is expected to be started in 2017 and to be completed in 2018. AM asked who will plow and maintain the road? DPW will plow until River St. AM asked if possibly the path can be kept crush gravel

from end of Country Club to beginning of Gallison Hill. BM asked about connecting the bike path to the Taylor St project. Jessie gave update on the M&M beverage negotiations. A new building will be built for M&M and the current building will be removed. There is not a fully executed contract as of yet. The MBAC will be updated and asked for advice about designs in the Fall 2016. JG asked if the name will be the bike path or the shared use path. Jessie said she would bring it to the MTAC if this was what MBAC wanted.

- c. Carolyn Rudinsky of Montpelier Alive is asking for help with the 3rd of July Independence Day celebrations in Montpelier. The theme is the Olympics. Valet bike parking will be available on the East side of the State House. Logistics and staffing? JB shared that three metal portable bike racks could be available for use. Will bring to MTAC to request funds to build. Carolyn needs a workforce for the valet. She is willing to develop a planning document to answer questions like how will the valet parking work? what if bikes are left at night? etc. etc.

3. Public Comments: N/A

4. Review previous meeting item(s) as needed

5. Upcoming Dates/Meetings/Action Items

- a. MTAC 4/12/16 at 6 PM. AM and JG will attend.

6. Other Business :

LSA - GH gave update on LSA. It's moving forward and there are 21 art pieces for review

Bike to Mountaineers - GH gave update. June 17th is confirmed date. The Mountaineers Board is supportive of this Bike to the Game Day. Volunteers needed to lead or pull up the rear. 100 riders goal.

JB made a motion to request from MTAC that \$200 be used for portable bike racks for Montpelier events. JB will ask PT to assist with assembling and building bike racks. JG approved motion for allocating up to \$200 of funds for portable bike racks. HV seconded. This request will be brought to MTAC.

Local Motion Visit May 2016 - Deferred discussion

Update on State Attorney Bike Safety Enforcement – JB will post notes on MBAC Google.

Walk/Bike Summit – GH gave update. JB to post presentations on MBAC Google.

JG made a request that someone in the committee is appointed as Secretary. FQ agreed to take on this role and HV will be back up.

Meeting Adjourned at 7:30.