

Minutes, Montpelier Bicycle Advisory Committee Meeting – February 26, 2015

Present: Dan Homeir, Suzanne Eikenberry, Jenn Gordon, John Budreski, Savannah Riddle, Per Tonn, Hannah Reckhow, Anthony Mennona, Bill Merrylees, Lee Doyle. Meeting began at 9:05.

New Members welcomed, introduction all around

Voting and non-voting members: Bill distributed list. There was confusion about Lee's status as a voting member. Upon discussion it was uncovered that Lee did get voted in by council many months ago, although perhaps it didn't get recorded in council minutes. Bill will contact Sandy Pitonyak to correct his status.

Process discussion, proposed bylaws: Bill passed out a first draft of bylaws document for comment. They are based on the energy committee's bylaws plus some content from the League of American Cyclists. Bill suggested that as we comply with public meeting laws and move into implementation of the bike/walk master plan, we will potentially be making recommendations on use of taxpayer funds, so we should consider a document such as this to clarify our processes. An area that needs more discussion is term limits for members and renewal of membership. Having a formal secretary was discussed, and consensus was to try rotating the minute-taking task among members to see how this works out. An expectation that members be willing to devote at least 2 hours per month between meetings to committee business felt reasonable to those present, but the wording may need to be clarified. The discussion was then tabled until a future meeting.

Update on bike/walk Master Plan- It was reported that the master plan was sent back to our consultant by the city public works and planning departments. These city staff requested that additional work be done on the document to tighten up the language, organize the plan into a different format, and price out much of the tasks more accurately. The city's comments on the document were shared at the meeting. This action was supported by Jon B. and others of the master plan steering committee, as they had found the process and the resulting draft to be scattered and unclear. Updates on the timing from here will be shared when they are known, but certainly presentation to council will be delayed until sometime in April at the earliest.

Potential collaborative events this spring- Walk & Roll Montpelier, to be held May 8-17, has been enthusiastically embraced by the pedestrian committee, and they would like to join us on this effort. They plan to offer many themed guided walks such as their successful "We Walk Week" promo last fall. Hopefully two or more members of our committee will take on planning of this. The Pedestrian Committee is meeting this Tuesday, March 24th, 5:30 to 6:30 pm @ police dept. to talk about this

Update of workplan- there was no time for this item, it will be addressed at a future meeting.

Meeting adjourned at 10:05

Respectfully submitted, Bill Merrylees