

Montpelier Bicycle Advisory Committee minutes
03/27/14

Attending: Bill Merrylees, Sasha Bianchi, Nancy Schulz, Jon Budreski, Lee Doyle, Anthony Mennona, Jessie Baker, Alex Prolman, Hannah Reckhow

Meeting started: 8:02

Infrastructure working group update

Jon gave an update on the Master Plan process. Broadreach was on consent agenda at last night's City Council meeting. One takeaway from selection process: there is value in working tighter with pedestrian committee in future.

Jessie: 5% of parking revenue to alternative transportation, tasked mbac with making plan for money. Master plan will form the foundation for that 5 year plan. We need to locate the match – is it alright to use 12,000 of parking revenue money for master plan?

Motion to use 12,000 of parking meter revenue as City match for VTrans grant
Motion passes unanimously

The committee discussed advocating for bike lanes on State Street.

Jessie: DPW brings questions to council about laws regarding engineering standards on 4/9 and 4/16

Nancy: we're advocates, we should advocate for bikes

Anthony: if not state street, then where?

Jon: But we also need to propose other options

Sasha: but what if bike lanes are unsafe?

Nancy: VTrans isn't progressive, but their studies concluded it can be done.

It was decided to schedule a meeting before the Council meeting, including DPW and John Kaplan and MBAC, then send representation to the Council meetings.

Jessie reminded the committee that Jessica Edgerly-Walsh is our council representative and should be added to mailing list, should attend meeting.

Anthony volunteered as facilitator for this meeting.

Education/bike culture (walk & roll month, volunteers needed, bike to brunch insurance)

Bill: Walk & roll events, will update when dates are nailed down, will need volunteers (bike safety fair, family safety ride)

Alex: Pedestrian committee collaboration (potential tree walk, history walk, scavenger hunt)

Bike to Brunch: still need volunteers, Mary Hooper on for May 10 unless legislature's in session

Insurance – covered under Bike/Ped coalition, should probably have waivers at each ride, make it clear a helmet mandatory, rain cancels (but leader decides)

Collaboration with pedestrian committee

Jon: transportation as a whole – pick up more traction by working more collaboratively, more advantages than disadvantages, we can't work in a bubble

Anthony: meet once a quarter? Having a liaison is good – but does it get whole discussion going? Lay out where we are, barriers
(Bike, Ped, Parking)

When - at first consultant meeting kickoff meeting?
April evening?
Bill will contact Ped committee to find date

Legislative updates

CVT presented to senate transportation committee, haven't heard but John Hollar indicated that they were favoring it. T bill will probably go to floor. CVT asked for 100,000, allocated 83,000. May happen, will know more within a week or so. Will keep committee posted.

Meeting ended at 9:07