

Montpelier Bike Advisory Committee meeting minutes
December 05, 2013

Attending: Bill Merrylees, Nancy Schulz, Sasha Bianchi, Jon Budreski, Per Tonn
Hannah Reckhow, Alex Prolman, Steve Gladczuk

Meeting began at 8:09

Reports from Working Groups

Infrastructure - They discussed how to ensure that the Master Plan is not another study but leads to infrastructure changes, will need more information and reworking. The Carr Lot design was briefly discussed. Ideas for priorities will be discussed by email.

Education – PSAs from the Bike Ped Coalition could be used. Sasha will put videos on Health Dept. facebook page. They have been given to ORCA, Nancy will send a reminder.

Could we get lightboard on 89 with bike safety message? City does not own one, and there are rules about how they can be used. The Middle schools owns a large sign that function similarly.

Library series Boomer Bike Rides could be revived. The senior center has shown interest.

Biking with a 'local celebrity' to brunch event

Add an education page on website – Hannah will email committee on how to access the committee's webpage

Bike Ped Coalition has done bike safety game at schools, will contact driving instructor at u32

Next working group meeting will be at Tuesday 1:30

Bike Culture and Promotion

Met with Montpelier Alive – they have draft agenda for bike festival next fall

Major work with start after Frostival

Other Events

City council approved 5% parking revenues to alternative transportation uses, bike committee to identify plan each year – \$45,000 a year, after 5 years system will be reevaluated

Conversation with Jason Van Driesche, Directory of Advocacy & Education, Local Motion

Safe Streets Collaborative

Background: 4.5 years ago, several crashes in Burlington – SSC born out of that, goal to reduce crashes and deaths across all modes, focus on responsibility on the more deadly modes, good attitudes

They provide strategies, resources for communities to use – working with Brattleboro, after pedestrian deaths, focus on behavior/awareness

Grant only funds behavior related programs (not infrastructure)

Jason described examples of materials:

Leg bands – Would be 2.50/pc

Safe Bicycling Essential booklet

Brochure with coupon – would need to recruit shops to offer discount

Water proof handout with bike rights/rules – plastic sign on bike racks, could be altered for Montpelier version

Stencils – sidewalks only

Signs for motorists – corrugated plastic, focused on speeding

Strategy: Provide message to people in action (vs message in brochure that needs to be remembered)
Include positive messages with 'rules' (Thanks for biking!)

They can offer up to \$2,500 towards half of cost to things and stipend for community leader

Meeting ended at 9:13