

Montpelier Bike Advisory Committee

June 5, 2012 Meeting

Attending: Karen, Jon, James, Nancy, Sasha, Bill, Luke, Drew

Discussion about Bike Friendly Communities application. Committee decided that it wanted to go forward with this and discussed the possibility of collaborating with Drew on the application.

Yay Drew!

Discussion about the VTrans Bike/Ped program grant opportunity. Luke informed the committee that VTrans was looking for sizable capital projects, upwards of \$100K. Bill said that he talked to Tom McArdle, who said DPW is swamped with work in the short construction season. Bill said it might be possible to sit down with DPW and see if they could flesh something out.

Followup: Jon Hollar and Bill Frazier will examine the workload & scheduling with DPW and make every effort to free up enough time for DPW to apply for the Bike/Ped grant that could fund bike lanes and or sidewalks.

Recommendations for bikes racks were as follow: Large—Pool, Medium—Library, Medium Senior Center, Small—Shaw's, Capital Grounds (?), Three Penny (?), Farmer's market area(?)

Committee discussed their top goals going forward, which included:

- Conduct a road safety audit and assessing the results (w/ CVRPC)
- Reduce accidents & improve bikeability
- By 2018, an increase in bicycling by 10% (American Community Survey, National Citizens Survey; *Master Plan Language: By 2015, increase the number of Montpelier residents who commute by walking or bicycling increasing by 40 percent by 2040.*)
- More bicycling counts across town
- Police receive mandatory training on bike laws by 2014
- Increase mileage of road and path networks
- Increase number of bike racks in the city
- Educate road users about bicycling
- Help build a more substantial local bike culture
- Local Complete Streets Ordinance
- Greater communication network between public, bike advocacy, enforcement

Document below was created by Karen and shared with group an attachment a few days ago. The committee agrees that this encompasses what we see to be our work, and is general enough to encompass everything we've been envisioning. Upon discussion it was suggested that we define some specific objectives and measurable outcomes to this so we can quantify our progress over time to Council and the public in general.

Homework for next meeting: Come up with specific action steps and measures for each of the three overarching goals. We will spend no more than 20 minutes at the next meeting to wrap up this discussion.

Meeting ended at 9:15

DRAFT: Montpelier is known as a bike-friendly city where bike use grows each year because . . .

1. There are a range of well-marked bike routes and trails around the city and beyond

- People on bikes are able to get safely from one side of town to another on well-marked city routes.
- People can commute by bike on safe routes.
- There are trails of varying distances for a range of abilities, ranging from flat terrain to mountain biking.
- There are connections between city routes and longer trails
- Maps are readily available at many locations.

ACTION STEPS

MEASURES

2. People who drive cars AND people who bike in Montpelier know how to stay safe and share the road.

- Have multiple learning opportunities including
 - o Classes & Training
 - o Outreach activities at variety of settings
 - o User friendly handouts
- Have signage that helps drivers and bikers share the road

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3. The City and businesses support and make investments to encourage and increase bike use.

- Safe bike parking is made available throughout the city.
- Bike use is taken into consideration in all city planning
- Businesses sponsor outreach and events that bring people to Montpelier to bike.

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