

Minutes of the
Montpelier Pedestrian Committee
Meeting of December 22, 2015

Members Present: Eve Jacobs-Carnahan, Chair; Erin Aguayo, Tom Aloisi, Anne Ferguson, Mark Provost, John Snell and Harris Webster

Others Present: Laura Biren, Corey Line and Jesse Baker

Public Comments

There were no comments from members of the general public in attendance.

Agenda

The members discussed and approved an agenda for the meeting.

Minutes

The members approved the minutes of the meeting of November 24, 2015.

Changes to the committee

John Snell agreed to be the secretary. Anne Ferguson informed us that she will be stepping down from the committee after this meeting. Eve will ask the city to post a request for volunteers in the newspaper.

Technology Tools

The members continued the discussion about an electronic reporting tool, specifically either SeeClickFix or Request Checker which is a presently unused part of the new city website software. These tools would permit the public to easily communicate with the City departments about various types of problem areas in the City's streets and sidewalks. As was requested in November, John Snell and Laura Berin had an initial meeting with the City's IT person about Request Checker but will meet again as the system was not fully operational.

Jesse Baker, Assistant City Manager, expressed concern that any such software could raise expectations about an implied level of response the city departments might not be able to meet and that many of the problems that might be reported would already be scheduled in a work plan. Eve Jacobs-Carnahan said the problems we hope to have reported via such a system are mainly related to winter sidewalk conditions, issues that would typically have a fast response time regardless. Corey Line said he and Tom McArdle has spoken at length with public works staff from South Burlington which presently uses SeeClickFix and were happy with it but he felt their needs/situations were different than those in Montpelier. All agreed a reporting system had

enough merit potentially that it warranted further discussion. John and Laura were charged with looking more deeply at the capabilities of Request Checker and reporting back.

Winter Safety – Pedestrian Visibility

Erica was not present to show samples of reflective “slapwraps” so discussion was postponed.

Transportation Advisory Committee (TAC)

Harris Webster and Mark Provost reported on the December meeting of the Transportation Advisory Committee. TAC discussed how it will work with member committees (Pedestrian, Biking, Energy and Parking); they will probably act to funnel our requests and suggestions up to the City Council after discussion. Discussion also included a presentation by Corey of a draft of how monies in the Alternative Transportation Fund might be spent.

Corey presented the updated spreadsheet and asked for our input. Recommendations included funding pedestrian related projects including open street events, surveys, education/outreach and fulfilling goals for the Montpelier in Motion plan.

2016 Goals

Erin Aguayo introduced the discussion of setting goals for the upcoming year. She will followup with an email requesting more input from members.

Next meeting: January 26th, 5:15-6:30 Police Department Community Room