

Minutes of the
Montpelier Pedestrian Advisory Committee
Meeting of March 24, 2015

Members Present: Eve Jacobs-Carnahan, Anne Ferguson, and John Snell (acting secretary)

Others Present: Dona Bate, Suzanne Eikenberry and Hannah Reckhow

- Minutes of the April meeting were approved.
- It was noted that Chris Andresen had tendered his resignation from the committee. Members of the committee indicated their appreciation for his having acted as chair since the inception. All agreed we'd delay discussing choosing a new chair until the next meeting.
- Eve suggested we revisit the reasons why our application for Walk Friendly status was denied. She had circulated the following list of questions that seemed relevant to ask at a point when we can schedule a phone call with the reviewers:
 - what is an Open Streets event? how long a street do they recommend closing? is this feasible in our small town?
 - our city is far too small to have a FTE staff person assigned to pedestrian issues; is there a percentage of staff time guide that is suitable for our size?
 - if we install more pedestrian counters, how do we use the data?
 - the discussion in report of connectivity policy, block lengths, and grid networks seems unsuited to our city where all distances are short - did they see something in particular that needed changing?
 - explain methods of prioritizing maintenance mentioned on page 5
 - do they see a problem with crosswalks in our city? not sure why that item is listed on page 6
 - same question for traffic calming - do they think we need it in downtown? elsewhere?

All agreed we would like to schedule a phone call but that we also all need to revisit the document before doing so. John will contact them and see what the options are.

- All agreed that we proceed with Walk & Roll Week May 8-17. John has lined up a number of walks thus far and Eve and Anne also had a few they would pursue. John will act as the collection point and then hand things off to Hannah by 4/15 so she can develop the poster. John suggested that perhaps Dona could enroll the members of the City Council in each doing walks in their districts; Dona offered to take the idea to the Council meeting the next night.
- Suzanne noted that the Bike Advisory Committee would be meeting on Thursday, March 26 at 8:00. She offered to bring up the issue of Walk and Roll Week and see what they wanted to commit to doing. John said he would also attend.
- An advertisement is being placed in the paper by the City to attract more committee members.

Next meeting: April 28, 2015, 5:30 in the Community Room of the Police Department